

Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd

England & Wales · Charity number 1093691

Details

Other names	MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD, THE CORNWALL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE LTD, THE MERLIN PROJECT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04460611
Registered	2002-09-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the Charity are to relieve sickness and to preserve and protect the physical and mental health of individuals with neurological conditions (including but not limited to multiple sclerosis), and people with neurodiversity, in such ways as the trustees think fit, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of assessments and therapies, advice, guidance, counselling, and other support services and facilities delivered at a purpose-built Centre in Cornwall and at other appropriate settings, and by using digital platforms.

Activities: A centre of excellence in Cornwall providing a range of expert care, support and therapies for those living with Multiple Sclerosis and other neurological conditions; and for their families and their friends

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CORNWALL
- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,113,486	£706,682	£3,538,809	16
2023-12-31	£531,017	£676,628	£3,124,836	14
2022-12-31	£684,763	£577,980	£3,293,596	13
2021-12-31	£748,649	£455,820	£3,184,615	13
2020-12-31	£583,387	£459,368	£2,885,988	14

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Tom Sneddon	Chair	2019-08-15
Dr Emma Campbell		2014-01-07
Katie Harland		2025-02-19
Michael Allan Ward		2020-10-24
Michael James		2013-09-19
Rachel Foster		2024-02-01
Steven Mark Hicks		2024-12-02
Tracey Phillips		2024-02-01

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1093691

Company registration number 04460611 (England and Wales)

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M E F James Dr E J Campbell Mr T Sneddon Mr M A Ward Mrs R V Foster Ms T E Phillips Mr S M Hicks Mrs K Harland	(Appointed 23 February 2024) (Appointed 23 February 2024) (Appointed 4 December 2024) (Appointed 19 February 2025)
Centre manager	S Snell	
Charity number	1093691	
Company number	04460611	
Registered office	Bradbury House Hewas Water ST AUSTELL Cornwall England PL26 7JF	
Auditor	TC Group Vivian House Newham Road Truro Cornwall United Kingdom TR1 2DP	

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MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees are pleased to record that 2024 was another busy and successful year of delivering impactful and supportive services for our expanding community. Last year marked 15 years since we opened as Cornwall's first Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Centre – the range of therapies and support for those with neurological conditions and/or neurodiversity across the age range has grown significantly over these years. In addition to the main building – the Merlin Centre – the charity's other facilities on the site, include the Primrose Hydrotherapy Pool and an external Sensory Therapy Garden and a range of external Activity Therapy Equipment.

Strategy

During 2024, we welcomed three new trustees to the Board – Steven Hicks, Rachel Foster and Tracey Phillips. Steve was appointed as Chair of the Finance Committee; Rachel became Chair of the Income Generation and Marketing Committee while Tracey is a member of both committees. Tracey and Steve bring both a strong background in finance and lived experience of MS with both participating as clients in our new Client Focus Group. Rachel brings her extensive knowledge and expertise in running a PR and Marketing agency to the team. She also has a close family member with a neurological condition. These personal experiences are vital in keeping the Trustees focused on the needs of our community.

After 17 + years of commitment and service to the Charity, which was founded in 2002, Sally-Jane Coode, our longest serving Trustee, decided to retire. We must thank Sally-Jane for her remarkable support. Bernard Pooley, who had introduced more in-depth management accounts and strengthened our financial processes, resigned as Finance Trustee after two years supporting the charity. Antoinette McClean was appointed Trustee in February 2024 but due to other commitments stepped down as a Trustee in February 2025.

The Board was further strengthened in February 2025 with the welcome appointment of Katie Harland who brings her experience in people and culture to the charity.

Some developments and highlights for the charity in 2024 were:

- Introduction of Cliniko, our new practice management software system, to improve our processes for recording client appointments and case notes.
- Gaining significant restricted funding from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust to grow our Income Generation and Marketing team to strengthen our public presence, secure new funding streams with the aim of improving our financial stability.
- Investing legacy funds to hire an occupational therapist for our children's specialist clinic and increase the team in the oxygen therapy department with a new trainee operator role.
- Partnering and linking with other organisations to enhance support including Home Group which provided a monthly in-person drop-in advice clinic, and signposted clients to Disability Cornwall's DIAL service for telephone and online support and the administering of Household Support Grants.
- Launching a campaign to raise funds to replace our Anti-Gravity Treadmill™ and invest in two new Thera-Trainer bikes. (We were delighted that through donations, grant fundraising and other support this £54,000 appeal reached its target in April 2025).

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

We are incredibly grateful to all the groups and individuals who raise funds for our charity – far too many to mention. However, special thanks should be paid to our oldest fundraiser 102-year-old Edna Liddicoat, who, with her team of knitters, has raised more than £100,000 for the charity over several years of support. Also, the Merlin Support Group, chaired by Trustee Mike James, which dedicates all its fundraising activities including the annual Country Fayre and other events to our charity. There are many other local groups, societies and organisations who give generously with St Austell Bay Rotary still to the fore with their annual cycling challenge.

Thanks, and gratitude to the many grant funders whose support has enabled the charity to enhance both indoor and outdoor therapy space by funding more specialist therapy equipment.

As a charity that receives no public sector funding we couldn't thrive without the dedicated support of an army of volunteers, funders, donors and of course the hard work of our team.

Thank you.

Client activity

Here are some of the highlights of the activities and services we provided in 2024

**4531 Oxygen
Therapy Sessions**



**1130 Individual
Physiotherapy/
Exercise sessions**



**629 Group Exercise
& Hydro Sessions**



**520 clients
accessed therapy
services**



**326 Ayres Sensory
Integration
sessions/ hours**



**810 Individual
Hydrotherapy
Sessions**



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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

While we proudly celebrate our individual achievements as a charity, we know that the next few years will bring many challenges. The sector is facing unprecedented demands with increases in costs, levels of income going down and some fundraising sources under intense competition.

Expected changes to welfare benefits are also of concern and could impact on our community and ultimately increase the need for more support from the charity sector.

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) in its publication "The Road Ahead 2025" reports that the "UK charity sector stands at a crossroads...facing an evolving landscape shaped by economic pressures, policy changes and shifting public expectations."

Notwithstanding these external pressures the Charity has made some notable progress in delivering on its five core strategic aims:

Strategic Aims

Involve our core community at strategic level

Our Progress

- Increased Board diversity through the appointment of three new trustees with lived experiences.
- Engaged a facilitator to involve clients, volunteers and staff in a Social Value Impact Report.
- Regularly asked for feedback from our clients on service ideas and development.
- Set up client and volunteer Focus Groups.

Develop services and facilities to expand our reach to beneficiaries

- Used some funds from a legacy gift to appoint an Occupational Therapist to grow our ASI service.
- Recruited an additional role in our oxygen therapy department to offer more flexible sessions.
- Engaged with advice services to support clients and to help administer household grants.

Work collaboratively with external partners

- As a member of Cornwall Disability Alliance represented our community's voice at local and national level.
- Regularly attended the NHS Neuro Oversight Group to advocate for clients.
- Attended Voluntary Sector Forum events to influence decision-making in the health and well-being sector in Cornwall.

Invest in environmentally sustainable and digital innovation projects

- Introduced energy efficiencies as recommended in a energy and environment consultant's report including:
 - Rainwater capture project
 - More efficient hand dryers
 - LED lighting
- Secured funding for other sustainable projects.

To ensure continued financial stability

- Achieved grant funding to invest in Income generation to improve our engagement and financial resilience.
- Reviewed and negotiated new contracts for key services to reduce expenditure.
- Undertook a Full Cost Recovery exercise to evaluate the costs of delivering each therapy service and running the charity.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Beyond the financial year

Thanks to the outstanding efforts by our staff and volunteers the charity has continued to make significant progress in a number of ways to improve our efficiencies and reduce costs on the one hand and to increase our capacity to meet client needs on the other hand.

Of particular note was our success in gaining Good Growth Funding with our Press Release stating: "Merlin - Cornwall's Neuro Therapy Centre has been awarded Good Growth funding to install PV panels and solar thermal technology at its premises in mid-Cornwall. This investment will improve the environmental sustainability and long-term financial viability of the vital Cornish charity, which supports people with neurological conditions and neurodiversity.

Named the Carbon Footprint Reduction Project, the Charity successfully applied for £38,420 funding through Cornwall Council's Good Growth Community Levelling Up Programme, which is delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The total project cost is just short of £60k with the Charity contributing nearly £18k and a small grant of £2,037 previously awarded from the Co-Op Community Fund.

There are two elements to the project – the installation of 162 solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on the roofs of its main Centre and its hydrotherapy pool which are located on one site at Hewas Water, between St Austell and Truro. The second is the installation of solar thermal consisting of eight solar thermal collectors which harness sunlight to provide a primary heat source for the pool water which is kept at a constant 32-35°Celsius.

The calculation provided by its supplier is that its carbon emissions will reduce by 19,237kg per annum and will achieve a significant reduction in its energy costs."

We are pleased to note that the benefits of that investment are already being evidenced in reduced utility costs.

During the year we took the opportunity on two occasions to celebrate the contribution generously given by over 50 volunteers culminating in everyone enjoying a wonderful hog roast on a sunny afternoon in July when all of those present were updated on various developments within the charity and thanked for their great contribution. Amazingly our volunteers contributed nearly 11,000 hours and when valued at average wage costs means they have contributed between £200,000 and £250,000 'employment costs' in the year. Much to celebrate indeed.

Special congratulations and thanks are also due to Mike James and the Merlin Support Group who raised over £10,000 at their Summer Fayre.

We have initiated Client Focus sessions and have trained a number of them to act as ambassadors and or tour guides for new and potential new clients. This is of real importance as the range of support activities, and the geography of our buildings and sensory garden can seem quite daunting to new clients. We want them to feel at home and supported as soon as possible in their journey with us.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

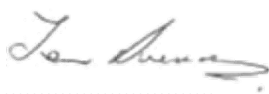
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With funding from a legacy gift, we have been successful in recruiting an Occupational Therapist to support the ASI service and an additional Oxygen Operator to increase sessions.

Trustees and Leadership are continuing to engage together, and with client groups, to ensure that our strategic aims remain central in guiding our development and purpose. Our next strategy day in November 2025 will also set the terms for new Strategic Review Groups to be established early in 2026.

This report from Trustees clearly evidences the very valuable work of the charity and the high commitment we receive from our Leadership team, our staff and all of our volunteers. 2025 will have been a successful year and everyone is looking forward to further developments in 2026.

Thanks again to everyone.



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T Sneddon
Trustee

Date: 31/10/25

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charitable aim of the charity is to provide subsidised therapies, support, information, and a community for adults living with a neurological condition (including Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, Stroke, and chronic fatigue syndrome) in Cornwall. This financial assistance enables beneficiaries, who might not otherwise be able to afford such therapies, to benefit from the Centre facilities. In 2022 the Charity extended its support to children and young people with neuro diversities by offering Sensory Integration therapies, assessments, and reports.

Therapies delivered by appropriately qualified and experienced professionals include physiotherapy, group exercise, hydrotherapy and oxygen therapy. Having a long-term condition brings many challenges, not just for those diagnosed, but for family too. Therefore, the support extends to the wider family through peer support, information, advocacy services and therapies.

The charity also seeks to raise awareness of the challenges faced by those living with neurological conditions and generates income to keep the Centre operational and provide services at subsidised rates.

In addition, it acts as a health hub for the wider community by providing clinical and therapy space for hire. Currently there is a GP Practice, Podiatry and Orthotics, Audiology; Counselling and Advocacy Services; and Complementary therapies operating from the Centre.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission with respect to the public benefit requirement.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

For details of achievements and performance please see the Chairman's Statement.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to a minimum of six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The level of unrestricted general reserves at the year end was £308,374 (2023: £201,144). It is the charity's policy where possible to ring fence bank balances of a least 3 months operating expenses to help ensure the charity's financial position is not unduly compromised. The above balance represents approximately 6 months running costs.

In 2021 funds totalling £400,000 were distributed from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust, a discretionary trust established from the proceeds of the Will of Mr Thomas in which Merlin MS Centre was one of the named charity beneficiaries. The funds were used to ensure the financial stability of the Charity by supporting core costs during COVID restrictions; settling outstanding loans of £185k; and setting aside monies to gradually build up reserves.

From this funding the trustees created two designated funds, £50,000 being earmarked as a Development fund to support the charity's strategic aims, and a further £50,000 into a Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund. A sum of £4,712 (2023: £nil) was utilised from the Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund and £22,767 (2023: £5,367) has been utilised from the Development fund.

In 2024 a further £200,000 was distributed from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust to fund the cost of new income generation team member salaries for three years to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. Its governing constitutional documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association which are publicly available from the Registrar of Companies via its website.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of a winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs S J Coode	(Resigned 28 August 2024)
Mr M E F James	
Dr E J Campbell	
Mr T Sneddon	
Mr M A Ward	
Mr B B Pooley	(Resigned 28 August 2024)
Ms A E Mclean	(Appointed 23 February 2024 and resigned 4 February 2025)
Mrs R V Foster	(Appointed 23 February 2024)
Ms T E Phillips	(Appointed 23 February 2024)
Mr S M Hicks	(Appointed 4 December 2024)
Mrs K Harland	(Appointed 19 February 2025)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

As trustees retire by rotation the charity continues to seek additional trustees with the relevant knowledge and experience to assist in the achievement of the charity's objects.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Organisational structure

The Centre is run on a day-to-day basis by a Centre Manager appointed by the trustees. The Centre Manager reports to the trustees who continue to have responsibility for policy decisions.

The activities of the charity are also dependent on a large number of volunteers, coordinated by the manager, who are essential in the raising of funds and the operational success of the Centre. Information is disseminated to volunteers and other supporters through regular newsletters and open meetings.

Induction and training of trustees

All new trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the charity and its aims and responsibilities, are given guidance and support by existing trustees and are encouraged to learn about the responsibilities of trusteeship through the Charity Commission website.

Remuneration policy

The trustees consider the Centre Manager to comprise the key management personnel of the charity, to be in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

The pay of staff is reviewed annually by the trustees and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the trustees benchmark against pay levels in other similar organisations.

Other matters

Wider network

The charity has informal links with local branches of The Multiple Sclerosis Society and is a member of Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy Centres Ltd and HBOTT.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that there are adequate systems and controls in place to mitigate the exposure to any major risks.

Investment policy

The charity was gifted a number of shares with a transfer value of approximately £65,000. The Finance and Investment committee and Trustees review the performance of these shares on a regular basis. The trustees have been managing these on a low risk basis, in 2024 the value has increased by £7,168 (2023 the value decreased by £23,149) and have now agreed to dispose of these to reduce the market risk associated with holding shares.

Plans for future periods

For details of plans for the future please see the Chairman's Statement.

Related parties

The only related parties are the trustees and full disclosure has been made in the notes to the financial statements in respect to any related party transactions.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

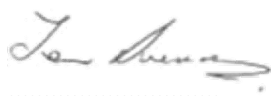
Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that TC Group be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr T Sneddon

Trustee

Date: 31/10/25

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the summary income and expenditure account, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

Obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates;

- Review of the disclosures in the financial statements and testing to support documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Discussion with management as to how compliance with these laws and regulations is monitored;
- Enquiries of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of trustee meetings and correspondence with regulators;
- Performing audit work in connection with the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries for reasonableness and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

We also communicate relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risk to all engagement team members and remain alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit approach also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud being in respect of cut off and completion risk around revenue recognition.

Under ISA (UK) we are also required to undertake procedures to respond to the risk of management override of controls. Our procedures included the following:

- Undertaking transactional testing on revenue
- Performing completeness testing on a sample of significant projects undertaken during the year
- Performing cut off testing on income
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale for significant transactions outside the normal course of business
- Reviewing estimates and judgements made in the accounts for any indication of bias and challenged assumptions used by management in making estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

TC Group

James Pearce (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of TC Group

31/10/2025

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Total
	Notes	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	262,687	225,430	150,000	638,117	157,570
Charitable activities	4	188,965	-	-	188,965	177,330
Other trading activities	5	225,641	-	-	225,641	185,297
Investments	6	11,400	-	-	11,400	5,723
Other income	7	49,363	-	-	49,363	5,097
Total income and endowments		<u>738,056</u>	<u>225,430</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>1,113,486</u>	<u>531,017</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	8	88,138	-	-	88,138	78,807
Charitable activities	9	585,904	32,640	-	618,544	597,821
Total expenditure		<u>674,042</u>	<u>32,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>706,682</u>	<u>676,628</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	<u>7,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,169</u>	<u>(23,149)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>71,183</u>	<u>192,790</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>413,973</u>	<u>(168,760)</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>2,023,600</u>	<u>(2,023,600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	11	<u>2,094,783</u>	<u>(1,830,810)</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>413,973</u>	<u>(168,760)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		<u>1,077,904</u>	<u>2,046,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,124,836</u>	<u>3,293,596</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>3,172,687</u>	<u>216,122</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>3,538,809</u>	<u>3,124,836</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	129,683	27,887	157,570
Charitable activities	4	177,330	-	177,330
Other trading activities	5	185,297	-	185,297
Investments	6	5,723	-	5,723
Other income	7	5,097	-	5,097
		<u>503,130</u>	<u>27,887</u>	<u>531,017</u>
Total income and endowments				
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	8	78,807	-	78,807
Charitable activities	9	564,805	33,016	597,821
		<u>643,612</u>	<u>33,016</u>	<u>676,628</u>
Total expenditure				
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	(23,149)	-	(23,149)
		<u>(163,631)</u>	<u>(5,129)</u>	<u>(168,760)</u>
Net income				
Transfers between funds		7,017	(7,017)	-
		<u>(156,614)</u>	<u>(12,146)</u>	<u>(168,760)</u>
Net movement in funds				
Reconciliation of funds:				
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		1,234,518	2,059,078	3,293,596
		<u>1,077,904</u>	<u>2,046,932</u>	<u>3,124,836</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023				

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	All income funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross income	963,486	531,017
Gains/(losses) on investments	7,169	(23,149)
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Total income in the reporting period	970,655	507,868
Total expenditure from income funds	706,682	676,628
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Net income/(expenditure) for the year	263,973	(168,760)
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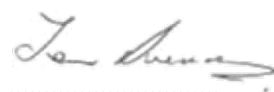
MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	16		-		1,391
Tangible assets	17		2,765,181		2,844,943
Investments	18		53,817		46,648
			<u>2,818,998</u>		<u>2,892,982</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	19	1,009		1,825	
Debtors	20	39,386		20,401	
Cash at bank and in hand		724,590		250,855	
		<u>764,985</u>		<u>273,081</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	<u>(45,174)</u>		<u>(41,227)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>719,811</u>		<u>231,854</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,538,809</u>		<u>3,124,836</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>3,538,809</u>		<u>3,124,836</u>
The funds of the charity					
Endowment funds	23		150,000		-
Restricted income funds	24		216,122		2,046,932
Unrestricted funds			3,172,687		1,077,904
			<u>3,538,809</u>		<u>3,124,836</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 31/10/25



Mr T Sneddon

Trustee

Company registration number 04460611 (England and Wales)

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	31		433,483		46,975
Investing activities					
Proceeds from disposal of intangibles		48,200		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(19,648)		(155,180)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		300		-	
Investment income received		11,400		5,723	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			40,252		(149,457)
Net cash used in financing activities			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			473,735		(102,482)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			250,855		353,337
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>724,590</u>		<u>250,855</u>

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

Charity information

Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Bradbury House, Hewas Water, ST AUSTELL, Cornwall, PL26 7JF, England.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- The date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate, after settling any liabilities, to pay the legacy; or
- When a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in the expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income from government grants and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Assets for distribution are recognised only when distributed. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised when receivable. Stocks of undistributed donated goods are not valued for balance sheet purposes.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Cost of raising funds comprise the costs of fundraising and associated support costs;

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the cost of running the centre to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fishing rights	not depreciated
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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	1/3rd of the cost of the property straight line over 20 - 50 years
Plant and machinery	5% - 20% straight line and 12.5% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	10% - 20% straight line and 20% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

After considering the residual value and economic life of the property, the trustees have decided that it is representative to continue depreciating one third of the cost of the property over 50 years. This is to reflect consumption of the specific design and construction costs relating to the needs of the charity. The remaining two thirds is not depreciated on the basis that it will hold its value. This assumption will be regularly reviewed by professional surveyors to ensure this is a reliable basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.14 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.15 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	72,437	1,000	-	73,437	44,288	-	-	44,288
Legacies receivable	122,000	-	-	122,000	-	-	-	-
Grants receivable	68,250	224,430	150,000	442,680	85,395	27,887	-	113,282
	<u>262,687</u>	<u>225,430</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>638,117</u>	<u>129,683</u>	<u>27,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,570</u>
Grants receivable for core activities								
The Edward Gostling Foundation	-	-	150,000	150,000	25,000	-	-	25,000
Thomas J Horne Memorial Trust	9,000	-	-	9,000	9,000	-	-	9,000
The Band Trust	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Duchy Health Charity Limited	-	10,000	-	10,000	9,395	-	-	9,395
Garfield Weston Foundation	50,000	-	-	50,000	30,000	-	-	30,000
Cornwall Community Foundation	5,250	3,750	-	9,000	-	-	-	-
The Elwyn Thomas Memorial Fund	-	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	-	-
Other	4,000	10,680	-	14,680	12,000	2,887	-	14,887
	<u>68,250</u>	<u>224,430</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>442,680</u>	<u>85,395</u>	<u>27,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,282</u>

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies (Continued)

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and support of its volunteers, details of which are given in the annual report. In accordance with accounting standards, the economic contribution of general volunteers is not measured in the financial statements.

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Therapies		
Therapy income	188,965	177,330
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	31,254	47,345
Shop income	49,456	48,840
Letting and licensing arrangements	59,747	54,402
Trading activity income: other	85,184	34,710
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other trading activities	225,641	185,297
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	2,271	3,119
Interest receivable	9,129	2,604
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	11,400	5,723
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Net gain on disposal of intangible fixed assets	46,809	-
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	300	-
Other income	2,254	5,097
	<u>49,363</u>	<u>5,097</u>

8 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Advertising	976	1,631
Other fundraising costs	30,804	20,029
Staff costs	56,358	54,796
	<u>88,138</u>	<u>76,456</u>
Trading costs		
Support costs	-	2,351
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,351</u>
Total costs	<u>88,138</u>	<u>78,807</u>

The income generation team is responsible for generating funds from a variety of sources, which includes donations, grants, legacies, trading activities and some elements of charitable activities income. Most of the expenditure described under raising funds covers salaries. Other fundraising costs relate to stock for café, plus merchandise for the retail area, running fundraising events and marketing of services.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Therapies 2024 £	Therapies 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Therapies 2023 £	Therapies 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs						
Staff costs	216,885	-	216,885	199,454	-	199,454
Depreciation and impairment	99,412	-	99,412	105,552	-	105,552
Rates and water	5,107	-	5,107	4,631	-	4,631
Light and heat	40,337	-	40,337	42,469	-	42,469
Repairs and renewals	54,062	-	54,062	70,336	-	70,336
Subscriptions	4,416	-	4,416	4,804	-	4,804
Cost of provision of subsidised therapy	24,732	-	24,732	27,479	-	27,479
Travel and subsistence	4,897	-	4,897	3,000	-	3,000
Cleaning	18,500	-	18,500	19,652	-	19,652
Bank charges	3,509	-	3,509	2,274	-	2,274
Entertainment	654	-	654	906	-	906
	<u>472,511</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>472,511</u>	<u>480,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480,557</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)						
Support	-	114,608	114,608	-	95,588	95,588
Governance	-	31,425	31,425	-	21,676	21,676
	<u>472,511</u>	<u>146,033</u>	<u>618,544</u>	<u>480,557</u>	<u>117,264</u>	<u>597,821</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	439,871	146,033	585,904	447,541	117,264	564,805
Restricted funds	32,640	-	32,640	33,016	-	33,016
	<u>472,511</u>	<u>146,033</u>	<u>618,544</u>	<u>480,557</u>	<u>117,264</u>	<u>597,821</u>

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	102,022	82,270
Insurance	6,185	6,732
Telephone	2,740	5,897
Postage and stationery	3,661	3,040
Governance costs	31,425	21,676
	<u>146,033</u>	<u>119,615</u>
	<u><u>146,033</u></u>	<u><u>119,615</u></u>
Analysed between:		
Fundraising	-	2,351
Therapies	146,033	117,264
	<u>146,033</u>	<u>119,615</u>
	<u><u>146,033</u></u>	<u><u>119,615</u></u>

The charity initially identifies the costs of its support facilities. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Costs are apportioned on the following basis:

- Staff costs: staff time
- Other costs: estimated usage

11 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	4,095	3,900
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	99,411	105,555
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(300)	-
Profit on disposal of intangible assets	(46,809)	-
	<u>(46,809)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>(46,809)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

12 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LIMITED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Charitable activities and administration	16	14
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	350,614	311,131
Social security costs	23,184	25,626
Other pension costs	6,467	4,763
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	<u>380,265</u>	<u>341,520</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	126,882	124,671
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	7,169	(23,149)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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16 Intangible fixed assets

	Fishing rights £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	1,391
Disposals	(1,391)
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At 31 December 2024	-
	<hr/>
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	-
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	-
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At 31 December 2023	1,391
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17 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2024	2,705,205	694,434	109,707	13,523	18,995	3,541,864
Additions	3,726	13,253	2,347	322	-	19,648
Disposals	-	(2,634)	-	-	-	(2,634)
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At 31 December 2024	2,708,931	705,053	112,054	13,845	18,995	3,558,878
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Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 January 2024	239,948	343,767	100,192	6,175	6,838	696,920
Depreciation charged in the year	35,044	54,527	2,839	4,570	2,431	99,411
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(2,634)	-	-	-	(2,634)
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At 31 December 2024	274,992	395,660	103,031	10,745	9,269	793,697
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Carrying amount						
At 31 December 2024	2,433,939	309,393	9,023	3,100	9,726	2,765,181
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At 31 December 2023	2,465,257	350,666	9,514	7,348	12,158	2,844,943
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18 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	46,648
Valuation changes	7,169
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At 31 December 2024	53,817
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	53,817
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At 31 December 2023	46,648
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There were no investment assets outside the UK.

	2024 £	2023 £
Cost or valuation at 31 December is represented by:		
Cost	58,194	(58,194)
Valuation in 2020	3,607	(3,607)
Valuation in 2021	5,798	5,798
Valuation in 2022	2,198	2,198
Valuation in 2023	(23,149)	(23,149)
Valuation in 2024	7,169	-
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	53,817	46,648
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19 Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Stocks	1,009	1,825
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20 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	17,124	16,186
Other debtors	8,011	3,883
Prepayments and accrued income	14,251	332
	<u>39,386</u>	<u>20,401</u>

21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	6,522	-
Trade creditors	23,630	33,427
Accruals and deferred income	15,022	7,800
	<u>45,174</u>	<u>41,227</u>

22 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	6,467	4,763
	<u>6,467</u>	<u>4,763</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

There were no unpaid contributions at the year end (2023: £nil).

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23 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Expendable endowments			
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	150,000	150,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Description, nature and purpose of endowment funds

Funding received to meet operating costs which support the charity's charitable activities and to be held as reserves to ensure there are 9 months of charitable expenditure at the end of the accounting year.

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24 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Centre building costs	1,557,035	-	(11,161)	(1,545,874)	-
February Foundation	3,992	-	(504)	(3,488)	-
Sunley Suites	26,036	-	(183)	(25,853)	-
Duchy Health Charity	1,749	-	(212)	(1,537)	-
Cornwall Community Foundation	2,990	-	(598)	(2,392)	-
Sport England	5,041	-	(627)	(4,414)	-
Sensory garden	133,079	-	(7,004)	(126,075)	-
Hydrotherapy pool	255,687	-	(7,751)	(247,936)	-
Minibus / Tourneo	4,539	-	(908)	(3,631)	-
Clare Milne Trust	5,126	-	(644)	(4,482)	-
Oxygen generator	48,771	-	(3,048)	(45,723)	-
The Co-Op Community Fund	2,037	-	-	-	2,037
Cornwall Council Community Chest Grant	850	-	-	(850)	-
Waste water irrigation system	-	7,680	-	-	7,680
Outdoor therapy	-	13,000	-	-	13,000
Elwyn Thomas Memorial Fund	-	200,000	-	(11,345)	188,655
Cornwall Community Foundation - Health Inequalities Fund	-	3,750	-	-	3,750
Anti-gravity treadmill	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>2,046,932</u>	<u>225,430</u>	<u>(32,640)</u>	<u>(2,023,600)</u>	<u>216,122</u>

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24 Restricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Centre building costs	1,568,195	-	(11,160)	-	1,557,035
February Foundation	4,496	-	(504)	-	3,992
Sunely Suites	26,219	-	(183)	-	26,036
Duchy Health Charity	1,961	-	(212)	-	1,749
Cornwall Communtiy Foundation	3,738	-	(748)	-	2,990
Sport England	5,668	-	(627)	-	5,041
Sensory garden	122,100	25,000	(7,004)	(7,017)	133,079
Hydrotherapy pool	263,438	-	(7,751)	-	255,687
Minibus / Tourneo	5,674	-	(1,135)	-	4,539
Clare Milne Trust	5,770	-	(644)	-	5,126
Oxygen generator	51,819	-	(3,048)	-	48,771
The Co-Op Community Fund	-	2,037	-	-	2,037
Cornwall Council Community Chest Grant	-	850	-	-	850
	<u>2,059,078</u>	<u>27,887</u>	<u>(33,016)</u>	<u>(7,017)</u>	<u>2,046,932</u>

24 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Description, nature and purpose of restricted funds

Centre building costs

Funds raised for the initial building costs in relation to the centre. A transfer is made from these funds each year to cover the depreciation charge on the Freehold Property and Buildings.

February Foundation

Towards the cost of a Therabike.

Sunley Suites

A change in usage of the Sunley Suite from a conference room to provide a sensory room and three therapy rooms was funded in the main by grants.

Duchy Health Charity

Funding received to purchase equipment for the purposes of physiotherapy.

Cornwall Community Foundation

Funding received towards purchase of a Golvo lift.

Sport England

Funding received towards purchase of training Tigo bikes.

Sensory garden

Grants to provide a specially designed garden for the purpose of physiotherapy and an activity trail.

Hydrotherapy pool

Appeal to raise the balance of funding required to build the Hydrotherapy Pool building and fit out.

Minibus / Tourneo

Funding received for the purchase of vehicles.

Clare Milne Trust

Funding received towards the purchase of a Sara Plus standing aid and shower chair.

Oxygen generator

The Band Trust gave a donation of £65,000 in 2019 to fund the installation of an Oxygen Generator which was installed in January 2020. The charity now generates its own oxygen and no longer relies on deliveries from an external supplier. This has reduced our running costs, but also our carbon footprint as we no longer rely on fortnightly deliveries.

The Co-Op Community Fund

Funding received for the purchase of solar panels.

24 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Cornwall Council Community Chest Grant

Funding received for Autumn planting.

Waste water irrigation system

Grants to purchase and install a waste water irrigation system.

Outdoor therapy

Various restricted grants provided to the charity for the purpose of equipment to be used for outdoor therapy.

Elwyn Thomas Memorial Fund

Funding received to cover the salaries of the IG department.

Cornwall Community Foundation - Health Inequalities Fund

Funding received for the activities programme.

Anti-gravity treadmill

Appeal to raise the balance of funding required to purchase an anti-gravity treadmill.

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25 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fixed asset fund	798,862	-	(66,772)	2,031,905	-	2,763,995
COMF funding	5,314	-	-	-	-	5,314
Development funding	44,633	-	-	(22,767)	-	21,866
Building and environmental sustainability fund	27,951	-	-	(4,712)	-	23,239
Sustainability Fund - Occupational Therapist and dept Oxygen Manager	-	-	-	36,797	-	36,797
Merlin Support Group	-	32,573	(1,850)	(17,621)	-	13,102
General funds	201,144	705,483	(605,420)	(2)	7,169	308,374
	<u>1,077,904</u>	<u>738,056</u>	<u>(674,042)</u>	<u>2,023,600</u>	<u>7,169</u>	<u>3,172,687</u>

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25 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fixed asset fund	858,340	-	(72,535)	13,059	-	798,864
COMF funding	5,314	-	-	-	-	5,314
Development funding	50,000	-	-	(5,367)	-	44,633
Buildings and environmental sustainability fund	27,951	-	-	-	-	27,951
Fair value reserve	11,603	-	-	-	(11,603)	-
General funds	281,310	503,130	(571,077)	(675)	(11,546)	201,142
	<u>1,234,518</u>	<u>503,130</u>	<u>(643,612)</u>	<u>7,017</u>	<u>(23,149)</u>	<u>1,077,904</u>

25 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Description nature and purpose of designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

General fixed asset fund

Represents fixed assets that are financed through unrestricted funds. Depreciation is charged to this fund.

Fair value reserve

Represents the non-distributable profits (Fair value gains/losses) of the investments held by the charity.

COMF funding

Donations / grants received designated in relation to Covid support, resumption of respite and community transport work.

Development fund

Supporting the charity's strategic aims.

Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund

Supporting the charity's building and environmental sustainability.

Sustainability Fund - Occupational Therapist and dept Oxygen Manager

Funds designated in relation to the salaries of an occupational therapist and dept oxygen manager.

Merlin Support Group

Funds received designated for the work done by the Merlin Support Group. The charity is the only benefactor of the group's activities.

Transfers between funds

During the year the trustees approved transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds of £2,023,600 (2023: £7,017).

The transfers are mainly in relation to property that was historically acquired with restricted funds. These restrictions have been complied with and therefore no longer remain in place and accordingly the tangible fixed assets have been transferred to the General fixed asset fund.

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26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 December 2024:				
Tangible assets	2,763,144	2,037	-	2,765,181
Investments	53,817	-	-	53,817
Current assets/(liabilities)	355,726	214,085	150,000	719,811
	<u>3,172,687</u>	<u>216,122</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>3,538,809</u>
	<u><u>3,172,687</u></u>	<u><u>216,122</u></u>	<u><u>150,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,538,809</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:				
Intangible fixed assets	1,391	-	-	1,391
Tangible assets	798,863	2,046,080	-	2,844,943
Investments	46,648	-	-	46,648
Current assets/(liabilities)	231,002	852	-	231,854
	<u>1,077,904</u>	<u>2,046,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,124,836</u>
	<u><u>1,077,904</u></u>	<u><u>2,046,932</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,124,836</u></u>

27 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	543	6,511
Between two and five years	-	543
	<u>543</u>	<u>7,054</u>
	<u><u>543</u></u>	<u><u>7,054</u></u>

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28 Capital commitments	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	8,500	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The capital commitment relates to an item of plant and machinery which had been ordered prior to the year end and acquired thereafter. The total cost was £36,500 with deposits of £18,000 being paid before the year end.

29 Events after the reporting date

On 13 February 2025 the charity was informed that the final instalment to be received from the estate of Irene Halford was £73,950. This was received on 11 March 2025.

30 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

The charity received amounts for room hire from a business controlled by trustee, M James, in the sum of £nil (2023: £1,121).

The charity received donations amounting to £3,175 (2023: £14,659) from related parties.

There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024 or for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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31 Cash generated from operations	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	413,973	(168,760)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(11,400)	(5,723)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(300)	-
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	(46,809)	-
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(7,169)	23,149
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	99,411	105,555
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	816	(760)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(18,985)	84,080
Increase in creditors	3,946	9,434
Cash generated from operations	433,483	46,975

32 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd

England & Wales - Charity number 1093691

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04460611 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1093691

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

TC Group
The Old Carriage Works
Moresk Road
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES	E J Campbell C H Clarke (resigned 23/1/2023) S J Coode M J Gifford (deceased 11/11/2023) M E F James D O Phyll (deceased 4/1/2024) B B Pooley (appointed 23/1/2023) T Sneddon M A Ward R V Forster (appointed 23/2/2024) T E Phillips (appointed 23/2/2024) A E Mclean (appointed (23/2/2024)
COMPANY SECRETARY	B B Pooley (appointed 23/1/2023)
CENTRE MANAGER	S Snell
REGISTERED OFFICE	Bradbury House Hewas Water ST AUSTELL Cornwall PL26 7JF
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	04460611 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1093691
AUDITORS	TC Group The Old Carriage Works Moresk Road TRURO Cornwall TR1 1DG
SOLICITORS	Coodes Solicitors 8 Race Hill LAUNCESTON Cornwall PL15 9BA

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

As Trustees we are pleased to record a further year of progress by the charity with a number of exciting developments reported later in this statement clearly demonstrating our passion in developing services to meet the needs of those whom we support. To all of our stakeholders including volunteers, funders, benefactors and staff we say 'thank you'. The charity's success is testament to the encouragement and support of you all.

It would be remiss not to record our deep appreciation for two of our Trustees who have passed since our last report. Michael Gifford who served as a Trustee for 8 Years from 2016 and David Phyll who was a Trustee from 2021 to 2024. With their lived experiences Michael and David also brought their own deep insights of the needs of our clients to the Trustee Board so helping to keep the Trustees focused on developing effective, efficient and sustainable services well into the future. We remember them with kind and grateful thanks.

Strategy

In framing our report it is important that as Trustees we are held to account for the continued delivery of the Charity's Vision, Mission and Values which are

Vision	Dedicated to improving health and well-being
Mission	To be a centre of excellence in providing therapies, support, community and information for anyone affected by a neurological condition in Cornwall
Values	To support independence; encourage confidence and inspire friendship.

In last year's statement we referred to our 4 key strategic aims and promised to report against each of these in future years and we do so in this report. We have since simplified the strategic aims believing also that, as Trustees and custodians of the charity, we should add a 5th strategic aim 'to ensure the continued financial stability and robustness of the charity in meeting current and future client needs'.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

This table lists some of the relevant highlights with further details being described later in this report.

Strategic Aim	Some key actions to date
Involve our core community at strategic level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointed 3 new trustees including two with lived experience• Undertaken client/carer surveys to share ideas for improvement and new services
Develop services and facilities to expand our reach to beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieved funding for a pilot activities programme to extend the therapeutic support we provide to clients and carers• Increased number of oxygen 'time slots' by +25%• Continued partnership with Ayers Sensory Integration leading to specialist training• Client transport service now 4 days per week
Work collaboratively with external partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Been an active member of Cornwall Disability Alliance developing partnership strategy, joint funding bids and Disability Manifesto for the County• Regularly attended NHS Neuro Oversight group to advocate for clients
Invest in environmentally sustainable and digital innovation projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established working group, including clients, to implement recommendations from a detailed energy consultant report• Introduced an online client appointment and clinical notes system to improve efficiency• Replaced older minibus with accessible vehicle
To ensure continued financial stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed to expand the Marketing and Income Generation Team to improve financial resilience over the next 3 years

Our initiative in developing trustee/management/staff groups has continued and we now have relevant groups focusing on finance, operations and a new group on Marketing and Income Generation. Our senior management team continue this theme by involving clients in a range of working parties looking at specific topics.

Client activity

During the year we carried out a client and carer survey with beneficiaries reporting many positive impacts from their engagements with Merlin. The top 5 mentions were

- ✓ Improved mental health
- ✓ Improved sense of well-being
- ✓ More active and physically independent
- ✓ Better management of their condition
- ✓ Improvement in their quality of life

Even though we had a low response rate our clients' high satisfaction levels are strong indicators of the qualitative benefits gained by them and are sound evidence of the dedication, engagement and professionalism of our staff and volunteers.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
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Activity	Client satisfaction	% change	2023*	2022	2021
Active clients		+25%	545	437	N/A
New clients		-28%	108	150	295
Ayers Sensory Integration					
Ayers Sensory Integration	100%	+69%	378	224	N/A
Hydrotherapy	89%	+35%	1826	1353	0
1:1 Physiotherapy	93%	-8%	1178	1283	1314
Group Exercise	82%	-7%	1172	1250	1184
Home Physio visits		N/A	21	N/A	N/A
Total Physiotherapy activity		+11%	4575	4110	2498
Oxygen Therapy	97%	+2%	3370	3304	2553
Total activities		+7%	7945	7414	5051
Volunteer hours					
Volunteer hours		+1%	9025	8950	

2023* statistics have now been adjusted to account for cancellations. These cancellations are very low given the chronic conditions that affect many of our clients.

We recorded a growth of 7% in total activities compared to 2022 which also represents a very significant increase of 57% in the two years since 2021. This is no mean achievement when viewed against minimal changes in staff levels.

The achievement of 25% growth in active clients evidences the consolidation of our client base as we have recovered from the Covid pandemic. The gradual reduction in the pace of new client recruitment reflects that some of our services are moving closer to current capacity. Due to their chronic neurological condition a majority of our clients engage with the charity over many years

While total physiotherapy activities have increased by 11% there have been small reductions in both 1:1 physiotherapy and group physiotherapy primarily as our core physiotherapy team deliver all of the interventions and have devoted additional resources to achieving a 35% increase in hydrotherapy.

One area of significant strategic development has been our growth in the application of Ayers Sensory Integration which is a theory and practice that targets a person's ability to process and internally integrate sensory information from their body and environment specifically to help children with sensory-processing difficulties. There is a lack of specialist services in Cornwall with many young people having to wait up to 3 years for a diagnosis, and indeed we too have a waiting list, but rather shorter. Our Clinical Lead and Consultant OT are specialists in ASI Therapy and indeed spoke at a recent conference in Brazil. Already extended to 2.5 days per week, including Saturday mornings, this will be a focus for further development especially as it is possible to obtain full funding for the specialist services delivered.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Finance

In a similar fashion to each of the last two years' reports we illustrate below some of the key financial parameters. Of course, full details are recorded in these audited accounts.

Factor	2023 v 2022	2023	2022	2021
Total income	-23%	£537,017	£684,763	£748,649
Donations, legacies and grants	-53%	£157,570	£329,360	£567,805
Charitable activities	+14%	£177,330	£155,226	£90,350
Other trading	+6%	£185,297	£175,512	£90,490
Investments	-8%	£5,723	£6,195	£4
Other income	-99%	£5,097	£18,470	
Legacy income	-100%	£0	£51,326	£410,746
Total income excluding legacies	-17%	£526,016	£633,437	£337,903
Number of employees	+1	14	13	10
Charity income* per employee	-23%	£37,929	£48,726	£33,790
Employee costs as % of funds raised		64%	44.9%	29.8%

The key reduction in income between 2023 and 2022 of £170,687 resulted from lower grant receipts of £119,361 and no legacy gifts donated during the year.

Reflecting the client activity statistics earlier in the report it is pleasing to note the improvements recorded in the areas of key activity with our charitable activities (therapies) +14% and other trading including the cafe, shop, room lettings and general fundraising at +6%. These figures are slightly ahead of the activity statistics demonstrating the small benefit derived from the marginal price increases implemented during the year. All neurological clients benefit from subsidised rates for their sessions.

The reduction in grants and legacies was a key contributor in the decision to seek grant funding to expand the marketing and income generation team.

Post year end report

Since the end of the financial year it is pleasing to report on a number of positive financial developments including

1. A further generous donation of £200,000 from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Fund to support the additional Income Generation staff over three years
2. More valued support from the Edward Gostling Foundation with a Deed of Gift of £150,000
3. A legacy with an initial donation of £120,000
4. Sale of the Charity's fishing rights currently subject to contract for £50,000

We are fortunate at Merlin in benefitting from a wide range of local organisations including Masonic charities whose donation funded the purchase of our new vehicle; our partnership with St Austell Bay Rotary Club; further support from Duchy Health Trust and notably the Merlin Support Group and individual donors.

Last year we reported on the exciting development of the Sensory Garden. This has been further extended and developed by the continued generosity of The Band Trust. Our team uses the sensory garden to deliver therapy sessions helping clients navigate the various terrains and obstacles to improve their mobility and self-confidence. The garden is also a beautiful space where clients can benefit from mindfulness and relaxation.

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During the year we welcomed Clare Lambert as our Service Development Co-ordinator whose key role of improving our efficiency is already bearing fruit with the introduction of new practice management software as well as simplifying some of our processes and ensuring we increase the capacity of our services.

After the end of the financial year we also welcomed Jan Green as our new Finance Manager and like Clare, Jan is already proving there are simpler ways of working and challenging our efficiencies.

While we are undoubtedly a charity we do have to maintain appropriate business processes including efficiency drives and making sure we continue to apply as much of our income as possible to meeting client needs. More accurately, we are a business with a charitable focus.

As a Trustee Board we have been delighted to recruit three new Trustees each of whom bring particular skills to the Board - Rachel Foster (PR & Marketing), Antoinette McLean (Retired solicitor) and Tracey Phillips (Finance). Two of these new Trustees also have lived experience of neurological conditions. We are continuing the search for further Trustees especially someone with significant experience in fund-raising.

The achievements recorded in 2023 could not have been made without our dedicated and highly motivated staff team led by Sarah Snell as Centre Manager and Mel King as Clinical lead. We also thank Sarah O'Brien who was our Financial Manager before her relocation to Sussex. We are proud to now be an accredited Real Living Wage employer.

As Trustees we need to pay tribute and thanks to our many volunteers who have contributed over 9,000 hours of their time. That equates to the equivalent of a further five full time employees.

On behalf of the charity Trustees continue to be indebted to our many funders, whether their contributions be large or small. Your generosity is a significant lifeblood to our organisation benefitting over 500 people and growing.

Finally, I would wish to thank my colleague Trustees for their continued support, challenge and counsel as we continue our duty as custodians of this wonderful and impactful charity.

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T Sneddon - Trustee

Dated:

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)."

Objectives and activities

The charitable aim of the charity is to provide subsidised therapies, support, information, and a community for adults living with a neurological condition (including Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, Stroke, and chronic fatigue syndrome) in Cornwall. This financial assistance enables beneficiaries, who might not otherwise be able to afford such therapies, to benefit from the Centre facilities. In 2022 the Charity extended its support to children and young people with neuro diversities by offering Sensory Integration therapies, assessments, and reports.

Therapies delivered by appropriately qualified and experienced professionals include physiotherapy, group exercise, hydrotherapy, oxygen therapy, and day respite. Having a long-term condition brings many challenges, not just for those diagnosed, but for family too. Therefore, the support extends to the wider family through peer support, information, advocacy services and therapies.

The charity also seeks to raise awareness of the challenges faced by those living with neurological conditions and generates income to keep the Centre operational and provide services at subsidised rates.

In addition, it acts as a health hub for the wider community by providing clinical and therapy space for hire. Currently there is a GP Practice, Podiatry and Orthotics, Audiology; Counselling and Advocacy Services; and Complementary therapies operating from the Centre.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission with respect to the public benefit requirement.

Achievements and performance

For details of achievements and performance please see the Chairman's Statement.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The level of unrestricted general reserves at the year end was £201,142 (2022: £281,310). It is the charity's policy where possible to ring fence bank balances of a least 6 months operating expenses to help ensure the charity's financial position is not unduly compromised. The above balance represents approximately 4 months running costs.

In 2021 funds totalling £400,000 were distributed from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust, a discretionary trust established from the proceeds of the Will of Mr Thomas in which Merlin MS Centre was one of the named charity beneficiaries. The funds were used to ensure the financial stability of the Charity by supporting core costs during COVID restrictions; settling outstanding loans of £185k; and setting aside monies to gradually build up reserves.

From this funding the trustees created two designated funds, £50,000 being earmarked as a Development fund to support the charity's strategic aims, and a further £50,000 into a Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund. A sum of £22,049 was utilised from the Buildings and Environmental Sustainability Fund in 2022 and £5,367 has been utilised from the development fund in 2023.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. Its governing constitutional documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association which are publicly available from the Registrar of Companies via its website.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of a winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

E J Campbell
C H Clarke (resigned 23/1/2023)
S J Coode
M J Gifford (deceased 11/11/2023)
M E F James
D O Phyll (deceased 4/1/2024)
B B Pooley (appointed 23/1/2023)
T Sneddon
M A Ward

The following trustees were appointed after the year end but prior to the date of this report:

R V Forster (appointed 23/2/2024)
T E Phillips (appointed 23/2/2024)
A E Mclean (appointed (23/2/2024)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As trustees retire by rotation the charity continues to seek additional trustees with the relevant knowledge and experience to assist in the achievement of the charity's objects.

Organisational structure

The Centre is run on a day-to-day basis by a Centre Manager appointed by the trustees. The Centre Manager reports to the trustees who continue to have responsibility for policy decisions.

The activities of the charity are also dependent on a large number of volunteers, coordinated by the manager, who are essential in the raising of funds and the operational success of the Centre. Information is disseminated to volunteers and other supporters through regular newsletters and open meetings.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the charity and its aims and responsibilities, are given guidance and support by existing trustees and are encouraged to learn about the responsibilities of trusteeship through the Charity Commission website.

Wider network

The charity has informal links with local branches of The Multiple Sclerosis Society and is a member of Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy Centres Ltd and HBOTT.

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Related parties

The only related parties are the trustees and full disclosure has been made in the notes to the financial statements in respect to any related party transactions.

Remuneration policy for key management

The trustees consider the Centre Manager to comprise the key management personnel of the charity, to be in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

The pay of staff is reviewed annually by the trustees and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the trustees benchmark against pay levels in other similar organisations.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that there are adequate systems and controls in place to mitigate the exposure to any major risks.

Investment Policy

The charity was gifted a number of shares with a transfer value of approximately £65,000. The Finance and Investment committee and Trustees review the performance of these shares on a regular basis. It is the Trustees' intention to manage these on a low risk basis and where possible gain dividend income to support normal operating expenses.

Plans for future periods

For details of plans for the future please see the Chairman's Statement.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, TC Group, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

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T Sneddon - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD**

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates;

- Review of the disclosures in the financial statements and testing to support documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Discussion with management as to how compliance with these laws and regulations is monitored;
- Enquiries of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of trustee meetings and correspondence with regulators;
- Performing audit work in connection with the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries for reasonableness and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

We also communicate relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risk to all engagement team members and remain alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit approach also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud being in respect of cut off and completion risk around revenue recognition.

Under ISA (UK) we are also required to undertake procedures to respond to the risk of management override of controls. Our procedures included the following:

- Undertaking transactional testing on revenue
- Performing completeness testing on a sample of significant projects undertaken during the year
- Performing cut off testing on income
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale for significant transactions outside the normal course of business
- Reviewing estimates and judgements made in the accounts for any indication of bias and challenged assumptions used by management in making estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

James Pearce FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of TC Group
The Old Carriage Works
Moresk Road
TRURO
Cornwall
TR1 1DG

Date:

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations, legacies and grants	3	129,683	27,887	157,570	329,360
Charitable activities	6				
Therapies		177,330	-	177,330	155,226
Other trading activities	4	185,297	-	185,297	175,512
Investment income	5	5,723	-	5,723	6,195
Other income		<u>5,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>18,470</u>
Total		<u>503,130</u>	<u>27,887</u>	<u>531,017</u>	<u>684,763</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	78,807	-	78,807	74,271
Charitable activities	8				
Therapies		<u>564,805</u>	<u>33,016</u>	<u>597,821</u>	<u>503,709</u>
Total		<u>643,612</u>	<u>33,016</u>	<u>676,628</u>	<u>577,980</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(23,149)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,149)</u>	<u>2,198</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(163,631)	(5,129)	(168,760)	108,981
Transfers between funds	22	<u>7,017</u>	<u>(7,017)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(156,614)	(12,146)	(168,760)	108,981
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,234,518</u>	<u>2,059,078</u>	<u>3,293,596</u>	<u>3,184,615</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,077,904</u></u>	<u><u>2,046,932</u></u>	<u><u>3,124,836</u></u>	<u><u>3,293,596</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	15	1,391	-	1,391	1,391
Tangible assets	16	798,862	2,046,081	2,844,943	2,795,318
Investments	17	<u>46,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,648</u>	<u>69,797</u>
		846,901	2,046,081	2,892,982	2,866,506
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	18	1,825	-	1,825	1,065
Debtors	19	20,401	-	20,401	104,481
Cash at bank		<u>250,004</u>	<u>851</u>	<u>250,855</u>	<u>353,337</u>
		272,230	851	273,081	458,883
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>(41,227)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(41,227)</u>	<u>(31,793)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>231,003</u>	<u>851</u>	<u>231,854</u>	<u>427,090</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>1,077,904</u>	<u>2,046,932</u>	<u>3,124,836</u>	<u>3,293,596</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>1,077,904</u>	<u>2,046,932</u>	<u>3,124,836</u>	<u>3,293,596</u>
FUNDS					
	22				
Unrestricted funds				201,142	281,310
Designated funds				876,762	953,208
Restricted funds				<u>2,046,932</u>	<u>2,059,078</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>3,124,836</u>	<u>3,293,596</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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T Sneddon - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(24,737)</u>	<u>177,929</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>(24,737)</u>	<u>177,020</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(83,468)	(139,691)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	16,600
Interest received		2,604	573
Dividends received		<u>3,119</u>	<u>5,622</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(77,745)</u>	<u>(116,896)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		(102,482)	60,124
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>353,337</u>	<u>293,213</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>250,855</u>	<u>353,337</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(168,760)	108,981
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	105,552	99,950
Losses/(gain) on investments	23,149	(2,198)
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(16,599)
Interest received	(2,604)	(573)
Dividends received	(3,119)	(5,622)
Increase in stocks	(760)	(537)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	12,368	(20,784)
Increase in creditors	<u>9,437</u>	<u>14,402</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u>(24,737)</u>	<u>177,020</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/1/23	Cash flow	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>353,337</u>	<u>(102,482)</u>	<u>250,855</u>
	<u>353,337</u>	<u>(102,482)</u>	<u>250,855</u>
Total	<u>353,337</u>	<u>(102,482)</u>	<u>250,855</u>

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd (Limited by Guarantee) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Bradbury House, Hewas Water, ST AUSTELL, Cornwall, PL26 7JF.

The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

The charity changed its name from Merlin MS Centre Ltd to Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd on 11 January 2023.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- The date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate, after settling any liabilities, to pay the legacy; or
- When a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies

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Income

have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Assets for distribution are recognised only when distributed. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised when receivable. Stocks of undistributed donated goods are not valued for balance sheet purposes.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headlines:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of fundraising and associated support costs;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the cost of running the centre to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fishing rights	- not depreciated
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Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	1/3rd of the cost of the property straight line over 20 - 50 years
Plant and machinery	5% - 20% straight line and 12.5% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	10% - 20% straight line and 20% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	20% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% straight line

After considering the residual value and economic life of the property, the trustees have decided that it is representative to continue depreciating one third of the cost of the property over 50 years. This is to reflect consumption of the specific design and construction costs relating to the needs of the charity. The remaining two thirds is not depreciated on the basis that it will hold its value. This assumption will be regularly reviewed by professional surveyors to ensure this is a reliable basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Financial instruments

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

3. DONATIONS, LEGACIES AND GRANTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	44,288	45,391
Legacies	-	51,326
Grants	<u>113,282</u>	<u>232,643</u>
	<u>157,570</u>	<u>329,360</u>

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in the annual report. In accordance with accounting standards, the economic contribution of general volunteers is not measured in the financial statements.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Edward Gostling Foundation	25,000	25,000
Sport England	-	8,160
Thomas J Horne Memorial Trust	9,000	9,000
Cornwall Council (COMF)	-	25,000
The Band Trust	25,000	120,000
Duchy Health	9,395	-
Garfield Weston	30,000	-
Other grants	<u>14,887</u>	<u>45,483</u>
	<u>113,282</u>	<u>232,643</u>

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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	47,345	45,625
Shop income	48,840	39,286
Letting and licensing arrangements	54,402	50,844
Solar panel income	5,247	15,827
Other trading activities	<u>29,463</u>	<u>23,930</u>
	<u>185,297</u>	<u>175,512</u>
5. INVESTMENT INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
Dividends from listed investments	3,119	5,622
Deposit account interest	<u>2,604</u>	<u>573</u>
	<u>5,723</u>	<u>6,195</u>
6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2023	2022
	£	£
Therapies	<u>177,330</u>	<u>155,226</u>
7. RAISING FUNDS		
Raising donations and legacies	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	54,796	43,233
Advertising	1,631	281
Other fundraising costs	20,029	22,241
Support costs	<u>2,351</u>	<u>8,516</u>
	<u>78,807</u>	<u>74,271</u>

The income generation team is responsible for generating funds from a variety of sources, which includes donations, grants, legacies, trading activities and some elements of charitable activities income. Most of the expenditure described under raising funds covers salaries. Other fundraising costs relate to stock for the café, plus merchandise for the retail area, running fundraising events and marketing of services.

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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 9) £	Support costs (see note 10) £	Totals £
Therapies	<u>480,557</u>	<u>117,264</u>	<u>597,821</u>

9. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	199,454	225,498
Rates and water	4,631	4,126
Light and heat	42,469	37,609
Repairs and renewals	70,336	23,782
Subscriptions	4,804	1,378
Cost of provision of subsidised therapy	27,479	24,699
Travel and subsistence	3,000	2,695
Cleaning	19,652	23,414
Bank charges	2,274	773
Entertainment	906	806
Depreciation	<u>105,552</u>	<u>99,950</u>
	<u>480,557</u>	<u>444,730</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	447,541	430,273
Restricted funds	<u>33,016</u>	<u>14,457</u>
	<u>480,557</u>	<u>444,730</u>

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Raising donations and legacies	2,351	-	2,351
Therapies	<u>95,588</u>	<u>21,676</u>	<u>117,264</u>
	<u>97,939</u>	<u>21,676</u>	<u>119,615</u>

The charity initially identifies the costs of its support facilities. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Costs are apportioned on the following basis:

Staff costs: staff time

Other costs: estimated usage

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10. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

			2023	2022
	Raising donations and legacies £	Therapies £	Total activities £	Total activities £
Support costs				
Staff costs	-	77,270	77,270	23,947
Insurance	1,010	5,722	6,732	6,502
Telephone	885	5,012	5,897	12,435
Postage and stationery	456	2,584	3,040	8,623
Wages	-	4,555	4,555	1,284
Social security	-	375	375	3,242
Pensions	-	70	70	474
	<u>2,351</u>	<u>95,588</u>	<u>97,939</u>	<u>56,507</u>
Governance costs				
Staff costs	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Auditors' remuneration	-	3,900	3,900	2,220
Accountancy fees	-	10,085	10,085	2,412
Legal and professional	-	2,691	2,691	1,356
	<u>-</u>	<u>21,676</u>	<u>21,676</u>	<u>10,988</u>
	<u><u>2,351</u></u>	<u><u>117,264</u></u>	<u><u>119,615</u></u>	<u><u>67,495</u></u>

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	3,900	2,220
Auditor's remuneration – for non audit work	5,730	2,412
Depreciation - owned assets	105,555	99,950
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	-	(16,599)
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(16,599)</u></u>

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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13. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	311,131	273,631
Social security costs	25,626	24,353
Other pension costs	<u>4,763</u>	<u>4,694</u>
	<u>341,520</u>	<u>302,678</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Charitable activities and administration	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The pension costs for the year represent the contributions payable by the charity to the independently administered pension fund and amounted to £4,763 (2022: £4,694). There were no unpaid contributions at the year end (2022: £Nil).

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £4,763 (2022: £4,694).

14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	167,367	161,993	329,360
Charitable activities			
Therapies	155,226	-	155,226
Other trading activities	175,512	-	175,512
Investment income	6,195	-	6,195
Other income	<u>18,470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,470</u>
Total	<u>522,770</u>	<u>161,993</u>	<u>684,763</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	74,271	-	74,271
Charitable activities			
Therapies	<u>489,252</u>	<u>14,457</u>	<u>503,709</u>
Total	<u>563,523</u>	<u>14,457</u>	<u>577,980</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>2,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,198</u>

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14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(38,555)	147,536	108,981
Transfers between funds	<u>28,962</u>	<u>(28,962)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(9,592)	118,573	108,981
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,244,111</u>	<u>1,940,504</u>	<u>3,184,615</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,234,519</u></u>	<u><u>2,059,077</u></u>	<u><u>3,293,596</u></u>

15. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Fishing rights £
COST	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>1,391</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>1,391</u></u>
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>1,391</u></u>

The intangible asset relates to professional fees incurred in obtaining fishing rights that were donated to the charity.

16. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 January 2023	2,565,122	687,672	109,707
Additions	<u>140,083</u>	<u>6,762</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,705,205</u>	<u>694,434</u>	<u>109,707</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	205,649	282,554	97,653
Charge for year	<u>34,299</u>	<u>61,214</u>	<u>2,538</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>239,948</u>	<u>343,768</u>	<u>100,191</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>2,465,257</u></u>	<u><u>350,666</u></u>	<u><u>9,516</u></u>
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>2,359,473</u></u>	<u><u>405,118</u></u>	<u><u>12,054</u></u>

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16. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2023	18,995	5,188	3,386,684
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>8,335</u>	<u>155,180</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>18,995</u>	<u>13,523</u>	<u>3,541,864</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	3,798	1,712	591,366
Charge for year	<u>3,041</u>	<u>4,463</u>	<u>105,555</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>6,839</u>	<u>6,175</u>	<u>696,921</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	<u>12,156</u>	<u>7,348</u>	<u>2,844,943</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>15,197</u>	<u>3,476</u>	<u>2,795,318</u>

17. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2023	69,797
Revaluations	<u>(23,149)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>46,648</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	<u>46,648</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>69,797</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2020	3,607
Valuation in 2021	5,798
Valuation in 2022	2,198
Valuation in 2023	<u>(23,149)</u>
Cost	<u>58,194</u>
	<u>46,648</u>

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18. STOCKS		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks	<u>1,825</u>	<u>1,065</u>
19. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	16,186	17,769
Prepayments	332	71,712
Other debtors	<u>3,883</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>20,401</u>	<u>104,481</u>
20. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	33,427	11,405
Social security and other taxes	-	5,962
Other creditors	-	531
Accrued expenses	<u>7,800</u>	<u>13,895</u>
	<u>41,227</u>	<u>31,793</u>
21. LEASING AGREEMENTS		
Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	6,511	6,511
Between one and five years	<u>543</u>	<u>7,054</u>
	<u>7,054</u>	<u>13,565</u>

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22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	<u>281,313</u>	<u>(79,493)</u>	<u>(675)</u>	<u>201,142</u>
	281,313	(79,493)	(675)	201,142
Designated funds:				
General fixed asset fund	858,338	(72,535)	13,059	798,862
COMF funding	5,314	-	-	5,314
Development funding	50,000	-	(5,367)	44,633
Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund	27,951	-	-	27,951
Fair Value Reserve	<u>11,603</u>	<u>(11,603)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	953,206	(84,138)	7,692	876,760
	<u>1,234,519</u>	<u>(163,631)</u>	<u>7,017</u>	<u>1,077,904</u>
Restricted funds				
Centre Building Costs	1,568,194	(11,160)	-	1,557,035
February Foundation	4,496	(504)	-	3,992
Sunley Suites	26,219	(183)	-	26,036
Duchy Health	1,961	(212)	-	1,749
Cornwall Community Foundation	3,738	(748)	-	2,990
Sport England	5,668	(627)	-	5,041
Sensory Garden	122,100	17,996	(7,017)	133,079
Hydrotherapy Pool	263,438	(7,751)	-	255,687
Minibus / Tourneo	5,674	(1,135)	-	4,539
Clare Milne Trust	5,770	(644)	-	5,126
Oxygen Generator	51,819	(3,048)	-	48,771
Other grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,887</u>
	<u>2,059,077</u>	<u>(5,129)</u>	<u>(7,017)</u>	<u>2,046,932</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>3,293,596</u></u>	<u><u>(168,760)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,124,836</u></u>

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22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	<u>503,130</u>	<u>(571,077)</u>	<u>(11,546)</u>	<u>(79,493)</u>
	503,130	(571,077)	(11,546)	(79,493)
Designated funds:				
General fixed asset fund	-	(72,535)	-	(72,535)
Fair Value Reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,603)</u>	<u>(11,603)</u>
	-	(72,535)	(11,603)	(84,138)
	<u>503,130</u>	<u>(643,612)</u>	<u>(23,149)</u>	<u>(163,631)</u>
Restricted funds				
Centre Building Costs	-	(11,160)	-	(11,160)
February Foundation	-	(504)	-	(504)
Sunley Suites	-	(183)	-	(183)
Duchy Health	-	(212)	-	(212)
Cornwall Community Foundation	-	(748)	-	(748)
Sport England	-	(627)	-	(627)
Sensory Garden	25,000	(7,004)	-	17,996
Hydrotherapy Pool	-	(7,751)	-	(7,751)
Minibus / Tourneo	-	(1,135)	-	(1,135)
Clare Milne Trust	-	(644)	-	(644)
Oxygen Generator	-	(3,048)	-	(3,048)
Other grants	<u>2,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,887</u>
	<u>27,887</u>	<u>(33,016)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,129)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>531,017</u></u>	<u><u>(676,628)</u></u>	<u><u>(23,149)</u></u>	<u><u>(168,760)</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	<u>251,866</u>	<u>54,781</u>	<u>(25,334)</u>	<u>281,313</u>
	251,866	54,781	(25,334)	281,313
Designated funds:				
General fixed asset fund	877,526	(73,485)	54,297	858,338
COMF funding	5,314	-	-	5,314
Development funding	50,000	-	-	50,000
Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund	50,000	(22,049)	-	27,951
Fair Value Reserve	<u>9,405</u>	<u>2,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,603</u>
	992,245	(93,336)	54,297	953,206
	<u>1,244,111</u>	<u>(38,555)</u>	<u>28,963</u>	<u>1,234,519</u>
Restricted funds				
Centre Building Costs	1,579,355	-	(11,161)	1,568,194
Fowey Hospital	1,600	(1,600)	-	-
February Foundation	5,000	-	(504)	4,496
Sunley Suites	26,402	-	(183)	26,219
Duchy Health	-	2,173	(212)	1,961
Cornwall Community Foundation	-	4,673	(935)	3,738
Sport England	-	6,295	(627)	5,668
Sensory Garden	2,100	120,000	-	122,100
Hydrotherapy Pool	271,180	-	(7,742)	263,438
Minibus / Tourneo	-	7,081	(1,407)	5,674
Clare Milne Trust	-	6,414	(644)	5,770
Oxygen Generator	54,867	-	(3,048)	51,819
Other grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,940,504</u>	<u>147,536</u>	<u>(28,963)</u>	<u>2,059,077</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>3,184,615</u></u>	<u><u>108,981</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,293,596</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	<u>522,769</u>	<u>(467,988)</u>	-	<u>54,781</u>
	522,769	(467,989)	-	54,780
Designated funds:				
General fixed asset fund	-	(73,485)	-	(73,485)
Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund	-	(22,049)	-	(22,049)
Fair Value Reserve	-	-	<u>2,198</u>	<u>2,198</u>
	-	(95,534)	2,198	(93,336)
	<u>522,769</u>	<u>(563,523)</u>	2,198	<u>(38,556)</u>
Restricted funds				
Fowey Hospital	-	(1,600)	-	(1,600)
Duchy Health	2,173	-	-	2,173
Cornwall Community Foundation	4,673	-	-	4,673
Sport England	8,160	(1,865)	-	6,295
Sensory Garden	120,000	-	-	120,000
Minibus / Tourneo	7,081	-	-	7,081
Clare Milne Trust	6,414	-	-	6,414
Other grants	5,482	(2,982)	-	2,500
Kickstart	<u>8,011</u>	<u>(8,011)</u>	-	-
	<u>161,994</u>	<u>(14,457)</u>	-	<u>147,536</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>684,764</u></u>	<u><u>(577,979)</u></u>	<u><u>2,198</u></u>	<u><u>108,981</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year and prior year combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	<u>251,866</u>	<u>(24,712)</u>	<u>(26,009)</u>	<u>201,142</u>
	251,866	(24,712)	(26,009)	201,142
Designated funds:				
General fixed asset fund	877,526	(146,020)	67,356	798,862
COMF funding	5,314	-	-	5,314
Development funding	50,000	-	(5,367)	44,633
Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund	50,000	(22,049)	-	27,951
Fair Value Reserve	<u>9,405</u>	<u>(9,405)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	992,245	(177,474)	61,989	876,760
	<u>1,244,111</u>	<u>(202,185)</u>	<u>35,979</u>	<u>1,077,904</u>
Restricted funds				
Centre Building Costs	1,579,355	(11,160)	(11,160)	1,557,035
Fowey Hospital	1,600	(1,600)	-	-
February Foundation	5,000	(504)	(504)	3,992
Sunley Suites	26,402	(183)	(183)	26,036
Duchy Health	-	1,961	(212)	1,749
Cornwall Community Foundation	-	3,925	(935)	2,990
Sport England	-	5,668	(627)	5,041
Sensory Garden	2,100	137,996	(7,017)	133,079
Hydrotherapy Pool	271,180	(7,751)	(7,742)	255,687
Minibus / Tourneo	-	5,946	(1,407)	4,539
Clare Milne Trust	-	5,770	(644)	5,126
Oxygen Generator	54,867	(3,048)	(3,048)	48,771
Other grants	<u>-</u>	<u>5,387</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>2,887</u>
	<u>1,940,504</u>	<u>142,407</u>	<u>(35,979)</u>	<u>2,046,932</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>3,184,615</u></u>	<u><u>(59,777)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,124,836</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year and prior year combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	<u>1,025,900</u>	<u>(1,039,065)</u>	<u>(11,546)</u>	<u>(24,711)</u>
	1,025,900	(1,039,065)	(11,546)	(24,711)
Designated funds:				
General fixed asset fund	-	(146,020)	-	(146,020)
Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund	-	(22,049)	-	(22,049)
Fair Value Reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,405)</u>	<u>(9,405)</u>
	-	(168,069)	(9,405)	(177,474)
	<u>1,025,900</u>	<u>(1,207,134)</u>	<u>(20,951)</u>	<u>(202,185)</u>
Restricted funds				
Centre Building Costs	-	(11,160)	-	(11,160)
Fowey Hospital	-	(1,599)	-	(1,599)
February Foundation	-	(504)	-	(504)
Sunley Suites	-	(183)	-	(183)
Duchy Health	2,173	(212)	-	1,961
Cornwall Community Foundation	4,673	(748)	-	3,925
Sport England	8,160	(2,492)	-	5,668
Sensory Garden	145,000	(7,004)	-	137,996
Hydrotherapy Pool	-	(7,751)	-	(7,751)
Minibus / Tourneo	7,081	(1,135)	-	5,946
Clare Milne Trust	6,414	(644)	-	5,770
Oxygen Generator	-	(3,048)	-	(3,048)
Other grants	8,369	(2,982)	-	5,387
Kickstart	<u>8,011</u>	<u>(8,011)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>189,881</u>	<u>(47,473)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,408</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,215,783</u></u>	<u><u>(1,254,609)</u></u>	<u><u>(20,951)</u></u>	<u><u>(59,777)</u></u>

Description nature and purpose of restricted funds

Centre building costs

Funds raised for the initial building costs in relation to the centre. A transfer is made from these funds each year to cover the depreciation charge on the Freehold Property and Buildings.

Oxygen tank

Funds to provide an additional oxygen tank.

Fowey Hospital

For the purchase of more comfortable chairs for use in the oxygen chambers.

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22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

February Foundation

Towards the cost of a Therabike.

Equipment for treatments

Various restricted grants provided to the charity for the purchase of equipment to be used during the treatments provided to patients.

Sunley Suite

A change in usage of the Sunley Suite from a conference room to provide a sensory room and three therapy rooms was funded in the main by grants.

Duchy Health

Funding received to purchase equipment for the purposes of physiotherapy.

Cornwall Community Foundation

Funding received towards purchase of a Golvo lift.

Sport England

Funding received towards purchase of training Tigo bikes.

Sensory Therapy Garden

Grants to provide a specially designed garden for the purposes of physiotherapy and an activity trail.

Hydrotherapy Pool

Appeal to raise the balance of funding required to build the Hydrotherapy Pool building and fit out.

Minibus/Ford Tourneo

Funding received for the purchases of vehicles.

Sensory Room

Funding towards the building and equipment for a sensory room.

Claire Milne Trust

Funding received towards the purchase of a Sara Plus standing aid and shower chair.

Oxygen Generator

The Band Trust gave a donation of £65,000 in 2019 to fund the installation of an Oxygen Generator which was installed in January 2020. The Charity now generates its own oxygen and no longer relies on deliveries from an external supplier. This has reduced our running costs, but also our carbon footprint as we no longer rely on fortnightly deliveries.

Kickstart

The Department for Work & Pensions launched the Kickstart Scheme in September 2020 in response to a significant forecast rise in youth unemployment because of the COVID-19 pandemic (aimed at aged 16-24 on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment). The grant relates to one six-month work placement to cover the salary costs of an office administrator.

Edward Gostling Foundation

Funding received to support the Keep in Touch service.

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22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Description nature and purpose of designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

General fixed asset fund

Represents fixed assets that are financed through unrestricted funds. Depreciation is charged to this fund.

Fair value reserve

Represents the non-distributable profits (fair value gains/losses) of the investments held by the charity.

COMF funding Donations/grants received designated in relation to Covid support, resumption of respite and community transport work.

Development fund

Supporting the charity's strategic aims.

Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund

Supporting the charity's building and environmental sustainability.

Transfers between funds

During the year the trustees approved transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds of £7,017 (2022: £28,963).

The transfers are mainly in relation to a release of restricted funds in line with the current year depreciation charge for restricted assets.

23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	<u> -</u>	<u>32,848</u>

24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The aggregate compensation paid to key management personnel amounted to £124,671 (2022: £122,240).

The charity received amounts for room hire from a business controlled by trustee, M James, in the sum of £1,121.

The charity received donations amounting to £14,659 from related parties.

There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023 or for the year ended 31 December 2022.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations, legacies and grants		
Donations	44,288	45,391
Legacies	-	51,326
Grants	<u>113,282</u>	<u>232,643</u>
	157,570	329,360
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	47,345	45,625
Shop income	48,840	39,286
Letting and licensing arrangements	54,402	50,844
Solar panel income	5,247	15,827
Other trading activities	<u>29,463</u>	<u>23,930</u>
	185,297	175,512
Investment income		
Dividends from listed investments	3,119	5,622
Deposit account interest	<u>2,604</u>	<u>573</u>
	5,723	6,195
Charitable activities		
Therapies	177,330	155,226
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	16,599
Other income	<u>5,097</u>	<u>1,871</u>
	<u>5,097</u>	<u>18,470</u>
Total incoming resources	531,017	684,763
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	49,440	39,218
Social security	3,873	2,835
Pensions	1,483	1,180
Advertising	1,631	281
Other fundraising costs	<u>20,029</u>	<u>22,241</u>
	76,456	65,755
Charitable activities		
Wages	182,376	204,182
Social security	14,701	18,276
Carried forward	197,077	222,458

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MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	197,077	222,458
Pensions	2,377	3,040
Rates and water	4,631	4,126
Light and heat	42,469	37,609
Repairs and renewals	70,336	23,782
Subscriptions	4,804	1,378
Cost of provision of subsidised therapy	27,479	24,699
Travel and subsistence	3,000	2,695
Cleaning	19,652	23,414
Bank charges	2,274	773
Entertainment	906	806
Freehold property	34,299	27,295
Plant and machinery	61,212	64,395
Fixtures and fittings	2,539	2,749
Motor vehicles	3,039	3,799
Computer equipment	<u>4,463</u>	<u>1,712</u>
	480,557	444,730
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	74,760	28,947
Social security	6,677	-
Pensions	833	-
Insurance	6,732	6,502
Telephone	5,897	12,435
Postage and stationery	<u>3,040</u>	<u>8,623</u>
	97,939	56,507
Governance costs		
Wages	4,555	1,284
Social security	375	3,242
Pensions	70	474
Auditors' remuneration	3,900	2,220
Accountancy fees	10,085	2,412
Legal and professional	<u>2,691</u>	<u>1,356</u>
	<u>21,676</u>	<u>10,988</u>
Total resources expended	<u>676,628</u>	<u>577,980</u>
Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses	(145,611)	106,783
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Gains / (losses) on revaluation of investments	<u>(23,149)</u>	<u>2,198</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u><u>(168,760)</u></u>	<u><u>108,981</u></u>

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Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd

England & Wales - Charity number 1093691

Accounts

Charity registration number 1093691

Company registration number 04460611 (England and Wales)

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Dr EJ Campbell Mrs SJ Coode MBE DL Mr M Gifford Mr MEF James Mr T Sneddon - Chairman Mr M Ward Mr D Phyll Mr B Pooley (Appointed 23 January 2023)
Secretary	Mr B Pooley - appointed 23 January 2023 Mr AE James - resigned 7 March 2022
Centre Manager	Ms S Snell
Charity number	1093691
Company number	04460611
Principal address	Bradbury House Hewas Water ST AUSTELL Cornwall PL26 7JF www.merlinmscentre.org.uk
Registered office	Bradbury House Hewas Water ST AUSTELL Cornwall PL26 7JF
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MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

As Trustees we are delighted to report on a further very successful year for the charity when we have continued to evolve and develop as commented upon later in this report. However, none of this would have been possible were it not for the continuing enthusiasm of our wonderful volunteers supported by all our staff. A heart-felt thanks to our funders and benefactors whose contributions and value can never be over-estimated.

We reported last year that given the changing profile of our clients a new name would be more representative of both them and the expanded range of the support that the Charity can offer. After extensive consultation with clients, volunteers, staff and benefactors, Trustees agreed our new registered name as '**Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd**' and our 'marketing' name as '**Merlin - Cornwall's Neuro Therapy Centre**'.

We also stated in last year's Trustees' Report that, having become debt free, our management would concentrate on expanding service delivery and evolving a client focused three-year strategy.

Through an iterative and engaging process our 4 Key Strategic Aims have emerged as:-

- To involve our core community of beneficiaries, staff, volunteers and key supporters at a strategic level to co-design and co-produce services ensuring that they (the community) feel valued, have opportunities for development and participate in decision making;
- To develop services and facilities to meet our mission and expand our reach;
- To work collaboratively with external partners influencing change and improving service provision across the health and well-being sector;
- To invest in environmentally sustainable projects and digital innovation practices to decrease our carbon footprint, reduce ongoing costs, work smarter and enhance our reputation as an ethical organisation.

Similarly our Vision, Mission and Values have been redefined as

- **Vision** - Dedicated to improving health and well-being (Our inspirational desired change from what the organisation does)
- **Mission** - To be a centre of excellence providing therapies, support, community, and information for anyone affected by a neurological condition in Cornwall (How we achieve the Vision)
- **Values** - To support independence; to encourage confidence; to inspire friendship (Embedded in all that we do)

As we demonstrate in the rest of this report these significant legal and strategic changes are not simply words but are the touchstone and reference for all our actions in the future. Trustees, as the custodians of the charity, can rightly be held to account in the delivery of these Strategic Aims. In future reports we will report against each of them in turn to evidence the continuing progress of the charity.

Many have commented on the usefulness of the table showing the financial key performance indicators and so we continue this and now include data for three years to highlight the progress being made.

However, given the impact of legacy amounts on the overall income the Trustees have restated last year's table of key financial data to highlight both the legacy income variations and the underlying trends of income exclusive of legacy income.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Factor	2020	2021	2022	2022 v 2021
Total Income	£579,780	£748,649	£684,763	- 8.5%
Donations and legacies	£445,733	£567,805	£329,360	- 42%
Charitable activities	£65,958	£90,350	£155,226	+ 72%
Other trading	£68,072	£90,490	£175,512	+ 94%
Investments	-	4	6,195	New
Other income	-	-	18,470	New
Legacy income	£133,464	£410,746	£51,326	- 87.5%
Total income excluding legacies*	£446,316	£337,903	£633,437	+87%
Number of employees	14	10	13	+3
Charity income* per employee	£31,879	£33,790	£48,726	+44%
Employee costs as % of funds raised	45.4%	29.8%	44.9%	

It is important to note the significant increases in charitable activities and other trading at plus 72% and 94% respectively.

Trustees and management are very aware of the continuing need to balance employee numbers in ensuring the charity can effectively meet the needs of its beneficiaries while maintaining as low ongoing employment costs as possible. The data in the above table suggests that that balance is working to the advantage of the charity with an increase in non-legacy income per employee of +44% compared to the previous year. Average salaries have increased by only 4.4% year on year demonstrating the constraint and good husbandry applied by the senior management team and Trustees.

In addition to the financial figures our recently published 2022 Impact report clearly demonstrated the activities through the year as services began to pick up after Covid.

Activity or sessions	2021	2022	Comments
New service users welcomed	295	150	Initial growth post covid in 2021
Active clients	Unknown	437	Now being recorded
Ayres Sensory Integration Therapy	No service	224	Service commenced 2022
Hydrotherapy sessions	No service	1,353	Services resumed January 2022 after covid
1:1 Neurological physiotherapy	1,314	1,283	Slight drop of 2.4% because same team deliver 1:1 hydrotherapy
Attendees to group exercise	1,184	1,250	Growth of 5.6%
Oxygen therapy sessions delivered	2,553	3,304	Growth of 29.4%
Total Client activity	5,051	7,414	Increase of 47% year on year
New LED bulbs installed		98	New actions 2022
Hours donated by 50 volunteers	Unknown	8,950	
Value of donated volunteer hours at Cornwall average wage		£132,460	

In last year's report, Trustees referred to the generous donation from The Band Trust to fund the development of a Sensory Therapy Garden. This wonderful asset was officially opened on 11 May 2023 by Mrs Edna Liddicoat, who, at 100 years young, is one of Merlin's longest serving volunteers watched by over 70 fellow volunteers, staff, supporters, and funders. This was an evening of celebration and thanks to everyone who has contributed to the continuing growth of the charity.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



Edna who cut the ribbon



Trustee David enjoys a 'test drive'

Participation by the charity in the Disability Alliance continues to demonstrate the benefits of collaborative working with other charities in accessing funding, sharing resources and mutual support while also advocating for the needs of all those with a disability.

In a similar vein the Centre maintains its position as a 'health' hub by hosting a range of clinical support services including a GP Practice; Podiatry, Orthotic and Audiology Clinics, Counselling and Complementary services all of which have contributed to an increase of 35% in room hire earnings thereby achieving a twin objective of contribution to core costs and the provision of a range of support services by allied professionals.

Regular joint Trustee, management and staff groups have been extremely useful in sharing the best ideas and practices to implement the new strategy. One positive outcome has been a renewed focus on the maintenance of the Centre and the Hydrotherapy pool. Similarly, a 'deep dive' risk review is underway with the objective of Trustees agreeing a new Risk Strategy by the end of 2023.

Trustees are delighted to record their appreciation to all our staff and in particular the senior leadership team of Sarah Snell, Melissa King and Sarah O'Brien. Without exception each member of staff is highly motivated in supporting our clients and the charity often demonstrated by going well beyond what could normally be expected. These contributions by our excellent skilled staff are more than complemented by the time and commitment of our volunteers. While their 'financial' contribution is the equivalent of a staggering 20% of the total income of the charity they are the lifeblood of many of our services including reception, administration, café, physiotherapy, oxygen therapy not forgetting the pivotal role they play in fundraising. The Trustees would like to express a deep and heartfelt thanks to Merlin staff and volunteers.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

On behalf of the charity, Trustees are also indebted to our many funders, whether their contribution be large or small. Quite simply the charity would not exist without their support and given the uniqueness of Merlin services that result would have a devastating impact upon the lives of many, many people.

As a Trustee Board we have been delighted to welcome Bernard Pooley as our new Finance Trustee recognising that his vast experience and expertise will be a prime asset to the Board as we continue the growth of the charity.

And finally, I wish to thank colleague Trustees for their continued support, guidance, and counsel as we look forward with confidence to a challenging future.

Tom Sneddon



Dated: 31/08/2023

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)."

Objectives and activities

The charitable aim of the charity is to provide subsidised therapies, support, information, and a community for adults living with a neurological condition (including Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, Stroke, and chronic fatigue syndrome) in Cornwall. This financial assistance enables beneficiaries, who might not otherwise be able to afford such therapies, to benefit from the Centre facilities. In 2022 the Charity extended its support to children and young people with neuro diversities by offering Sensory Integration therapies, assessments, and reports.

Therapies delivered by appropriately qualified and experienced professionals include physiotherapy, group exercise, hydrotherapy, oxygen therapy, and day respite. Having a long-term condition brings many challenges, not just for those diagnosed, but for family too. Therefore, the support extends to the wider family through peer support, information, advocacy services and therapies.

The charity also seeks to raise awareness of the challenges faced by those living with neurological conditions and generates income to keep the Centre operational and provide services at subsidised rates.

In addition, it acts as a health hub for the wider community by providing clinical and therapy space for hire. Currently there is a GP Practice, Podiatry and Orthotics, Audiology; Counselling and Advocacy Services; and Complementary therapies operating from the Centre.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission with respect to the public benefit requirement.

Achievements and performance

For details of achievements and performance please see the Chairman's Statement.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The level of unrestricted general reserves at the year end was £281,310 (2021: £251,863). It is the charity's policy where possible to ring fence bank balances of a least 6 months operating expenses to help ensure the charity's financial position is not unduly compromised. The above balance represents approximately 6 months running costs. In 2021 funds totalling £400,000 were distributed from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust, a discretionary trust established from the proceeds of the Will of Mr Thomas in which Merlin MS Centre was one of the named charity beneficiaries. The funds were used to ensure the financial stability of the Charity by supporting core costs during COVID restrictions; settling outstanding loans of £185k; and setting aside monies to gradually build up reserves. From this funding the trustees have created two designated funds, £50,000 being earmarked as a Development fund to support the charity's strategic aims, and a further £50,000 into a Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund. A sum of £22,049 has already been utilised from the Buildings and Environmental Sustainability Fund during the year.

Investment Policy

The charity was gifted a number of shares with a transfer value of approximately £65,000. The Finance and Investment committee and Trustees review the performance of these shares on a regular basis. It is the Trustees' intention to manage these on a low risk basis and where possible gain dividend income to support normal operating expenses.

Plans for future periods

For details of plans for the future please see the Chairman's Statement.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. Its governing constitutional documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association which are publicly available from the Registrar of Companies via its website.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of a winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Dr EJ Campbell

Mr C Clark QC

(Resigned 23 January 2023)

Mrs SJ Coode MBE DL

Mr M Gifford

Mr AE James

(Resigned 7 March 2022)

Mr MEF James

Mr T Sneddon - Chairman

Mr M Ward

Mr D Phyll

Mr B Pooley

(Appointed 23 January 2023)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As trustees retire by rotation the charity continues to seek additional trustees with the relevant knowledge and experience to assist in the achievement of the charity's objects.

Organisational structure

The Centre is run on a day-to-day basis by a Centre Manager appointed by the trustees. The Centre Manager reports to the trustees who continue to have responsibility for policy decisions.

The activities of the charity are also dependent on a large number of volunteers, coordinated by the manager, who are essential in the raising of funds and the operational success of the Centre. Information is disseminated to volunteers and other supporters through regular newsletters and open meetings.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the charity and its aims and responsibilities, are given guidance and support by existing trustees and are encouraged to learn about the responsibilities of trusteeship through the Charity Commission website.

Wider network

The charity has informal links with local branches of The Multiple Sclerosis Society and is a member of Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy Centres Ltd and HBOTT.

Related parties

The only related parties are the trustees and full disclosure has been made in the notes to the financial statements in respect to any related party transactions.

Remuneration policy for key management

The trustees consider the Centre Manager to comprise the key management personnel of the charity, to be in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

The pay of staff is reviewed annually by the trustees and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the trustees benchmark against pay levels in other similar organisations.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Risk management

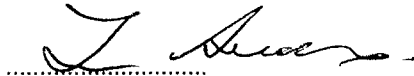
The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that there are adequate systems and controls in place to mitigate the exposure to any major risks.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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TOM SVEDDON

Trustee

Date: 31/08/2023
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MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors of Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd (Limited by Guarantee) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd (Limited by Guarantee) (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

As part of our audit work, we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the laws and regulations surrounding health and safety, GDPR and the safeguarding of vulnerable groups were most significant to the charity as well as the laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and compliance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Obtain an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates;
- Review of the disclosures in the financial statements and testing to support documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Discussion with management as to how compliance with these laws and regulations is monitored;
- Enquiries of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of trustee meetings and correspondence with regulators;
- Performing audit work in connection with the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries for reasonableness and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

We also communicate relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risk to all engagement team members and remain alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit approach also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud being in respect of cut off and completion risk around revenue recognition. Under ISA (UK) we are also required to undertake procedures to respond to the risk of management override of controls. Our procedures included the following:

- Undertaking transactional testing on revenue
- Performing completeness testing on a sample of significant projects undertaken during the year
- Performing cut off testing on income
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale for significant transactions outside the normal course of business
- Reviewing estimates and judgements made in the accounts for any indication of bias and challenged assumptions used by management in making estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RRL LLP

Josh Stevens ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of RRL LLP

1/9/2023
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Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Peat House
Newham Road
TRURO
Cornwall
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MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	167,367	161,993	329,360	561,206	6,599	567,805
Charitable activities	4	155,226	-	155,226	90,350	-	90,350
Other trading activities	5	175,512	-	175,512	90,490	-	90,490
Investments	6	6,195	-	6,195	4	-	4
Other income	7	18,470	-	18,470	-	-	-
Total income		522,770	161,993	684,763	742,050	6,599	748,649
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Raising funds	8	74,271	-	74,271	58,115	-	58,115
Charitable activities	9	489,252	14,457	503,709	392,705	5,000	397,705
Total resources expended		563,523	14,457	577,980	450,820	5,000	455,820
Net gains on investments	14	2,198	-	2,198	5,798	-	5,798
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(38,555)	147,536	108,981	297,028	1,599	298,627
Gross transfers between funds		28,963	(28,963)	-	32,362	(32,362)	-
Net movement in funds		(9,592)	118,573	108,981	329,390	(30,763)	298,627
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		1,244,111	1,940,504	3,184,615	914,721	1,971,267	2,885,988
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		1,234,519	2,059,077	3,293,596	1,244,111	1,940,504	3,184,615

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

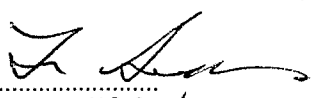
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	15		1,391		1,391
Tangible assets	16		2,795,318		2,827,290
Investments	17		69,797		67,599
			<u>2,866,506</u>		<u>2,896,280</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	19	1,065		528	
Debtors	20	104,481		11,985	
Cash at bank and in hand		353,337		293,213	
			<u>458,883</u>		<u>305,726</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21		<u>(31,793)</u>		<u>(17,391)</u>
Net current assets			<u>427,090</u>		<u>288,335</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>3,293,596</u></u>		<u><u>3,184,615</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	24		2,059,077		1,940,504
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	25	953,209		992,248	
General unrestricted funds		281,310		251,863	
			<u>1,234,519</u>		<u>1,244,111</u>
			<u><u>3,293,596</u></u>		<u><u>3,184,615</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31/08/2023



 TOM SNEDDON
 Trustee

Company Registration No. 04460611

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	30		105,308		355,166
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(67,979)		(72,896)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		16,600		-	
Purchase of investments		-		(504)	
Investment income received		6,195		4	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash used in investing activities			(45,184)		(73,396)
Financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		-		(180,000)	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash used in financing activities			-		(180,000)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			60,124		101,770
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			293,213		191,443
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>353,337</u>		<u>293,213</u>

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd (Limited by Guarantee) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Bradbury House, Hewas Water, ST AUSTELL, Cornwall, PL26 7JF. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

The charity changed its name from Merlin MS Centre Ltd to Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd on 11 January 2023.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are where the donor has expressed a wish for the funds to be spent on a particular item, project, or service, but the money may still be reallocated towards core operational costs at the Trustees discretion.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- The date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate, after settling any liabilities, to pay the legacy; or
- When a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Assets for distribution are recognised only when distributed. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised when receivable. Stocks of undistributed donated goods are not valued for balance sheet purposes.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headlines:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of fundraising and associated support costs;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the cost of running the centre to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fishing rights	10% on straight line
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MERLIN NEURO THERAPY CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1/3rd of the cost of the property over 50 years
Plant and equipment	5% - 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	10% - 20% straight line
Computers	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

After considering the residual value and economic life of the property, the trustees have decided that it is representative to continue depreciating one third of the cost of the property over 50 years. This is to reflect consumption of the specific design and construction costs relating to the needs of the charity. The remaining two thirds is not depreciated on the basis that it will hold its value. This assumption will be regularly reviewed by professional surveyors to ensure this is a reliable basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.12 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.13 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.14 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	45,391	-	45,391	57,386	-	57,386
Legacies receivable	51,326	-	51,326	410,748	-	410,748
Grants receivable	70,650	161,993	232,643	93,072	6,599	99,671
	<u>167,367</u>	<u>161,993</u>	<u>329,360</u>	<u>561,206</u>	<u>6,599</u>	<u>567,805</u>

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in the annual report. In accordance with accounting standards, the economic contribution of general volunteers is not measured in the financial statements.

Within legacies receivable is £Nil (2021: £400,000) from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust.

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3 Donations and legacies

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants receivable for core activities						
Disability Cornwall	-	-	-	11,357	-	11,357
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Cornwall Council Funding - Covid-19 support	-	-	-	10,050	-	10,050
Edward Gostling Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-
Sport England	-	8,160	8,160	-	-	-
Thomas J Horne Memorial Trust	9,000	-	9,000	8,500	-	8,500
Cornwall Council (COMF)	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-
The Band Trust	-	120,000	120,000	-	-	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme Funding	-	-	-	17,055	-	17,055
Other	11,650	33,833	45,483	21,110	6,599	27,709
	<u>70,650</u>	<u>161,993</u>	<u>232,643</u>	<u>93,072</u>	<u>6,599</u>	<u>99,671</u>

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3 Donations and legacies

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The amounts included in other grants include the following:

Restricted:

£6,414 - Claire Milne Trust

£4,673 - The Cornwall Community Foundation

£2,500 - The Norman Family Charitable Trust

£2,982 - Royal Warrant Holders Association

£7,080 - Grand Lodge of Mark (Cornwall Mark Foundation)

£8,011 - Kickstart

£2,173 - Duchy Health Charity

Equal to/less than £1,000 - Various charitable entities, totalling £nil.

Unrestricted:

£2,500 - The Jules Thorn Charitable Trust

£2,000 - The Albert Van den Bergh Charitable Trust

£2,000 - The Hospital Saturday Fund

Equal to/less than £1,000 - Various charitable entities, totalling £5,150

4 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Therapies	155,226	90,350

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5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising events	45,625	28,236
Retail and Café income	39,286	24,677
Room hire	50,844	37,577
Solar panel income	15,827	-
Pool hire	23,930	-
	<u>175,512</u>	<u>90,490</u>
Other trading activities	<u>175,512</u>	<u>90,490</u>

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Income from listed investments	5,622	-
Interest receivable	573	4
	<u>6,195</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>6,195</u>	<u>4</u>

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	16,599	-
Other income	1,871	-
	<u>18,470</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>18,470</u>	<u>-</u>

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8 Raising funds

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income generation		
Marketing and publicity	281	656
Other fundraising costs	22,241	13,447
Staff costs	43,233	36,180
Support costs	8,516	7,832
	<u>74,271</u>	<u>58,115</u>

The income generation team is responsible for generating funds from a variety of sources, which includes donations, grants, legacies, trading activities and some elements of charitable activities income. Most of the expenditure described under Raising Funds covers salaries. Other expenditure relates to stock for the café; plus merchandise for the retail area, running fundraising events and marketing of services.

9 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	225,498	159,393
Depreciation and impairment	99,950	100,082
Light and heat	37,609	20,752
Repairs and renewals	23,782	17,272
Subscriptions	1,378	1,085
Subsidised therapy costs	24,699	22,816
Travel and subsistence	2,695	1,997
Cleaning	23,414	13,540
Rent and rates	4,126	6,916
Bank charges	773	1,310
Entertainment	806	1,600
	<u>444,730</u>	<u>346,763</u>
Share of support costs (see note 10)	47,991	39,652
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	10,988	11,290
	<u>503,709</u>	<u>397,705</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	489,252	392,705
Restricted funds	14,457	5,000
	<u>503,709</u>	<u>397,705</u>

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10 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	2021 £	Basis of allocation
Staff costs	28,947	5,000	33,947	27,810	Staff time
Insurance	6,502	-	6,502	5,332	Estimated usage
Telephone	12,435	-	12,435	11,378	Estimated usage
Postage and stationery	8,623	-	8,623	7,964	Estimated usage
Audit fees	-	2,220	2,220	-	Governance
Accountancy	-	2,412	2,412	2,220	Governance
Legal and professional	-	1,356	1,356	1,850	Governance
Independent Examiner's Fees	-	-	-	2,220	Governance
	<u>56,507</u>	<u>10,988</u>	<u>67,495</u>	<u>58,774</u>	
Analysed between					
Fundraising	8,516	-	8,516	7,832	
Charitable activities	47,991	10,988	58,979	50,942	
	<u>56,507</u>	<u>10,988</u>	<u>67,495</u>	<u>58,774</u>	

The charity initially identifies the costs of its support facilities. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. Refer to the table above for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

Fees payable to the company's auditors for other services totalled £2,412 (2021: £2,220).

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Charitable activities and administration	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>
Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	273,631	204,946
Social security costs	24,353	15,034
Other pension costs	4,694	3,403
	<u>302,678</u>	<u>223,383</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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12 Net movement in funds	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	2,220	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	99,950	100,082
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(16,599)	-
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13 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 or 2021.

14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	<u>2,198</u>	<u>5,798</u>

15 Intangible fixed assets

	Fishing rights £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>1,391</u>
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,391</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,391</u>

The intangible asset relates to professional fees incurred in obtaining fishing rights that were donated to the charity.

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16 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2022	2,565,122	649,143	104,440	37,982	41,267	3,397,954
Additions	-	38,529	5,267	5,188	18,995	67,979
Disposals	-	-	-	(37,982)	(41,267)	(79,249)
At 31 December 2022	2,565,122	687,672	109,707	5,188	18,995	3,386,684
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 January 2022	178,354	218,159	94,904	37,982	41,265	570,664
Depreciation charged in the year	27,295	64,395	2,749	1,712	3,799	99,950
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(37,982)	(41,266)	(79,248)
At 31 December 2022	205,649	282,554	97,653	1,712	3,798	591,366
Carrying amount						
At 31 December 2022	2,359,473	405,118	12,054	3,476	15,197	2,795,318
At 31 December 2021	2,386,768	430,984	9,536	-	2	2,827,290

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17 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2022	67,599
Valuation changes	2,198
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At 31 December 2022	69,797
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	69,797
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At 31 December 2021	67,599
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18 Financial instruments	2022 £	2021 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	69,797	67,599
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19 Stocks	2022 £	2021 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	1,065	528
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20 Debtors	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	17,769	6,985
Other debtors	15,000	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	71,712	-
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	104,481	11,985
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21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	5,962	8,902
Trade creditors	11,405	3,954
Other creditors	531	35
Accruals	13,895	4,500
	<u>31,793</u>	<u>17,391</u>

22 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The pension costs for the year represent the contributions payable by the charity to the independently administered pension fund and amounted to £4,694 (2021: £3,692). There were no unpaid contributions at the year end (2021: £Nil).

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £4,694 (2021: £3,692).

23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:						
Intangible fixed assets	1,391	-	1,391	1,391	-	1,391
Tangible assets	858,341	1,936,977	2,795,318	877,529	1,949,761	2,827,290
Investments	69,797	-	69,797	67,599	-	67,599
Current assets/(liabilities)	304,990	122,100	427,090	281,235	7,100	288,335
	<u>1,234,519</u>	<u>2,059,077</u>	<u>3,293,596</u>	<u>1,227,754</u>	<u>1,956,861</u>	<u>3,184,615</u>

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24 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021		Movement in funds				Movement in funds				Balance at 31 December 2022		
	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	£	£	£	£
Centre building costs	1,590,515	-	-	-	(11,160)	1,579,355	-	-	(11,160)	-	(11,160)	1,568,195	-
Oxygen tank	1,200	-	-	-	(1,200)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fowey Hospital	-	1,599	1,599	-	-	1,599	-	(1,599)	-	-	-	-	-
February Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	(504)	4,496	-
Equipment for treatments	308	-	-	-	(308)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunley Suite	26,585	-	-	-	(183)	26,402	-	-	-	-	(183)	26,219	-
Duchy Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,173	-	-	(212)	-	1,961	-
Cornwall Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,673	-	-	(935)	-	3,738	-
Sport England	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,160	(1,865)	(627)	-	-	5,668	-
Sensory Garden	2,100	-	-	-	-	2,100	120,000	-	-	-	-	122,100	-
Hydrotherapy Pool	278,930	-	-	-	(7,750)	271,180	-	-	(7,742)	-	(7,742)	263,438	-
Minibus / Ford Tourneo	7,264	-	-	-	(7,263)	1	7,080	-	(1,407)	-	(1,407)	5,674	-
Sensory Room	1,450	-	-	-	(1,450)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claire Milne Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,414	-	-	(645)	-	5,769	-
Oxygen Generator	57,915	-	-	-	(3,048)	54,867	-	-	-	(3,048)	-	51,819	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,482	(2,982)	-	(2,500)	-	-	-
Kickstart	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,011	(8,011)	-	-	-	-	-
Edward Gosling Foundation	5,000	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,971,267</u>	<u>6,599</u>	<u>6,599</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(32,362)</u>	<u>1,940,504</u>	<u>161,993</u>	<u>(14,457)</u>	<u>(28,963)</u>	<u>(28,963)</u>	<u>(28,963)</u>	<u>2,059,077</u>	<u>-</u>

£1,936,977 of the above funds are capital funds which have been expended and are reducing in line with depreciation.

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24 Restricted funds

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Transfers between funds

During the year the trustees approved transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds of £28,963 (2021: £32,362).

The transfers are mainly in relation to a release of restricted funds in line with the current year depreciation charge for restricted assets.

Description nature and purpose of restricted funds

Centre building costs

Funds raised for the initial building costs in relation to the centre. A transfer is made from these funds each year to cover the depreciation charge on the Freehold Property and Buildings.

Oxygen tank

Funds to provide an additional oxygen tank.

Fowey Hospital

For the purchase of more comfortable chairs for use in the oxygen chambers.

February Foundation

Towards the cost of a Therabike.

Equipment for treatments

Various restricted grants provided to the charity for the purchase of equipment to be used during the treatments provided to patients.

Sunley Suite

A change in usage of the Sunley Suite from a conference room to provide a sensory room and three therapy rooms was funded in the main by grants.

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24 Restricted funds

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Duchy Health

Funding received to purchase equipment for the purposes of physiotherapy.

Cornwall Community Foundation

Funding received towards purchase of a Golvo lift.

Sport England

Funding received towards purchase of training Tigo bikes.

Sensory Therapy Garden

Grants to provide a specially designed garden for the purposes of physiotherapy and an activity trail.

Hydrotherapy Pool

Appeal to raise the balance of funding required to build the Hydrotherapy Pool building and fit out.

Minibus/Ford Tourneo

Funding received for the purchases of vehicles.

Sensory Room

Funding towards the building and equipment for a sensory room.

Claire Milne Trust

Funding received towards the purchase of a Sara Plus standing aid and shower chair.

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24 Restricted funds

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Oxygen Generator

The Band Trust gave a donation of £65,000 in 2019 to fund the installation of an Oxygen Generator which was installed in January 2020. The Charity now generates its own oxygen and no longer relies on deliveries from an external supplier. This has reduced our running costs, but also our carbon footprint as we no longer rely on fortnightly deliveries.

Kickstart

The Department for Work & Pensions launched the Kickstart Scheme in September 2020 in response to a significant forecast rise in youth unemployment because of the COVID-19 pandemic (aimed at aged 16–24 on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment). The grant relates to one six-month work placement to cover the salary costs of an office administrator.

Edward Gosling Foundation

Funding received to support the Keep in Touch service.

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25 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds									
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers gains and losses	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 1 January 2022	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fixed asset fund	890,309	-	(67,720)	54,940	-	877,529	(73,487)	54,299	-	858,341
Fair value reserve	3,607	-	-	-	5,798	9,405	-	-	2,198	11,603
COMF funding	-	14,857	(9,543)	-	-	5,314	-	-	-	5,314
Development fund	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	(22,049)	-	-	27,951
	893,916	14,857	(77,263)	154,940	5,798	992,248	(95,536)	54,299	2,198	953,209

General fixed asset fund - represents fixed assets that are financed through unrestricted funds. Depreciation is charged to this fund.

Fair value reserve - represents the non-distributable profits (fair value gains/losses) of the investments held by the charity.

COMF funding - donations/grants received designated in relation to Covid support, resumption of respite and community transport work.

Development fund - supporting the charity's strategic aims.

Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund - supporting the charity's building and environmental sustainability.

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26 Capital commitments	2022	2021
	£	£

At 31 December 2022 the charity had capital commitments as follows:

Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	32,848	-
	<u>32,848</u>	<u>-</u>

27 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	122,240	64,334
	<u>122,240</u>	<u>64,334</u>

The charity has a policy whereby the trustees are required to declare any pecuniary interests in connection with any personal involvement that they may have with individuals or organisations dealing with the charity.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

28 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	6,511	6,511
Between two and five years	7,054	13,565
	<u>13,565</u>	<u>20,076</u>

29 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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30 Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
Surplus for the year	108,981	298,627
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(6,195)	(4)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(16,599)	-
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(2,198)	(5,798)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	99,950	100,082
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(537)	2,049
(Increase) in debtors	(92,496)	(4,204)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	14,402	(35,586)
Cash generated from operations	<u>105,308</u>	<u>355,166</u>

Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre Ltd

England & Wales - Charity number 1093691

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1093691

Company Registration No. 04460611 (England and Wales)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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Mr C Clark QC
Mrs SJ Coode MBE DL
Mr M Gifford
Mr MEF James
Mr T Sneddon - Chairman
Mr M Ward
Mr D Phyll (Appointed 8 December 2021)

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Company number 04460611

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MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

After another very successful year the Trustees are really pleased to put on record their thanks to our staff, volunteers and funders who have each played their important part in continuing the significant progress we reported in our last Annual statement.

It would be inappropriate not to mention the passing of our founder, Derek Murphy earlier this year. Derek was an intelligent, courteous, kind gentleman who had a great sense of humour. He worked tirelessly with his wife Eileen, also deceased, and others to establish his very clear vision of Cornwall's first MS Therapy Centre. He was incredibly proud of his legacy and was always delighted to hear how the Centre was developing and over the years extending its reach to adults with many other neurological conditions too.

Repeating the introduction to our new 2021 Impact Report describes the challenging context in which the growth in our services and our improving financial resilience are even more note-worthy:-

"Flexibility, adaptability, strength, resilience, determination, and hard work... Many words can describe how the team responded to what was undoubtedly the hardest two years in the charity's history.

The pandemic has been challenging in so many ways – having to work and think differently; introducing new safety measures; wearing PPE; furloughing of staff; working from home; a much-reduced capacity; and continuing uncertainty have all added to the difficulties.

But for our service users and their families, it was so much harder. Living with a long-term health condition is challenging enough, but to lose access to a familiar supportive place was disheartening and, in some cases, devastating. That was why it was so important for us to adapt and make sure we could 'Keep in Touch' with the people who needed us during the first lockdown."

As reported last year the Charity became debt free as a result of a major donation from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust. The freeing of this burden enabled our management to focus on expanding service delivery and with their continued financial prudence the charity continues to significantly improve its financial resilience and efficiency.

Some key financial figures are

Factor	2021	2020	Change
Total Income	£748,649	£579,780	+29%
Donations and legacies	£567,805	£445,733	+27%
Charitable activities	£95,950	£65,958	+45%
Other trading	£84,890	£68,072	+25%
Income raised per expenditure £	£12.88	£6.88	+87%
Number of employees	10	14	-29%
Income per employee	£74,864	£41,413	+81%
Employee costs as % of funds raised	29.8%	45.4%	

These statistics are testament to the skills and success of the management team clearly demonstrating the continuing journey towards the future sustainability of the charity.

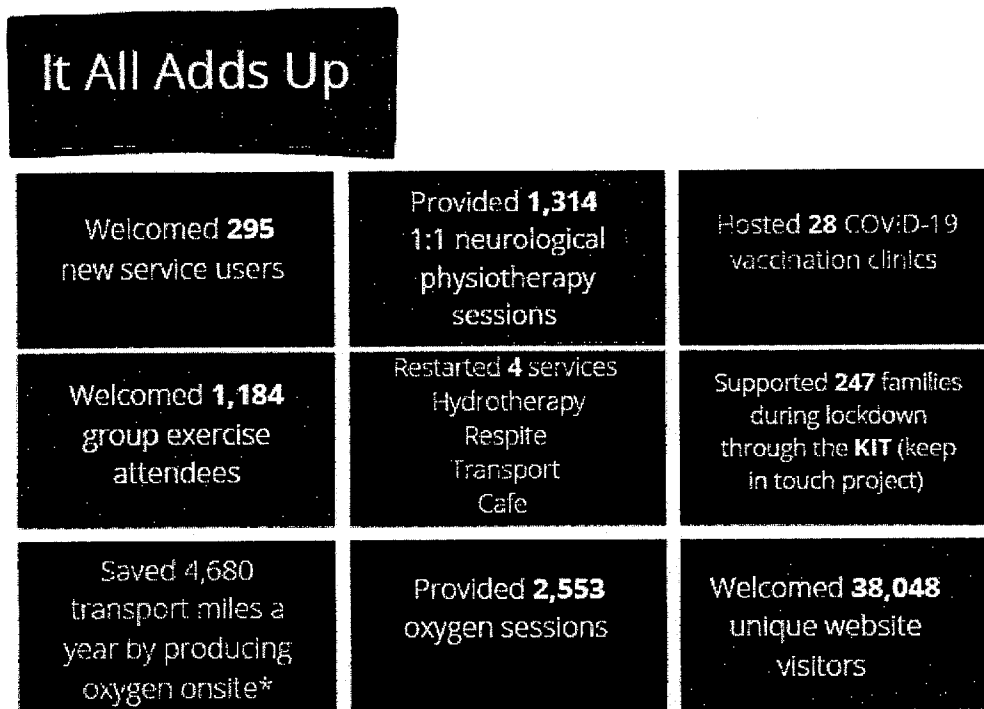
Leaving aside these impressive financial changes the Trustees are even more pleased with the extent to which the charity has been able to provide an expanding range of support to an increasingly diverse group of beneficiaries.

This visual from our Impact Report 2021 evidences some of our activities.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

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*Previously, oxygen was delivered to the Centre twice a week by an external company

Statistics refer to 2021 data

This snap-shot belies the huge amount of dedication by our staff and our many volunteers who generously give of their time with untold and immeasurable benefits to many, many people. Thank you.

In last year's report Trustees gave an indication of development plans for the charity and it now seems an appropriate time to report progress on a number of these initiatives.

- The Primrose Hydrotherapy pool has been refurbished and is now supported by ground source heating so improving both our carbon footprint and reducing the running costs of the pool
- The Merlin Suite has been re-floored so that this multi-use space can now be used for a wider range of day respite sessions and smaller exercise groups and physio assessments
- A collaborative and positive relationship has been established with the Little Flippers Swim Academy which teaches babies, toddlers and older children to swim

As well as our 600 registered users, the Centre is a health hub for the wider community with clinical rooms hired out to other health practitioners including two GP/Nurse consulting rooms; weekly Podiatry and Orthotic Clinics; Audiology; Counselling and Complementary therapies. Pre-Covid we saw around 100 visitors a day - numbers are beginning to grow again to this number.

While the primary focus of this report is rightly looking back at the calendar year ending December 2021 it is most important that Trustees also take the opportunity of communicating our plans for the charity and its continuing evolution.

During the past two years we have begun to realise and release the true potential of Trustees, managers, staff, volunteers and service users working more closely together. Groups meet regularly to discuss strategy development; finance and income generation; operations and people. There have been many positive and creative ideas emanating from such collaborative working always focused on supporting our current and future beneficiaries.

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While continuing the legacy of Derek Murphy the Charity continues to evolve and innovate to meet the identified needs of people with neurological conditions. With less than 30% of our clients having MS the Trustees and management have been consulting on a more appropriate and inclusive name for the charity. These discussions continue and the outcome will be formalised in the next few months.

One of the key developments in this past year expanding our client population has been the opportunity of providing Ayres Sensory Integration (ASI) Therapy primarily to a younger group of clients with neuro-diversities. While the Covid pandemic had a delaying effect on the start of this new and exciting extension of both therapies and client groups the service is now expanding and being supported by the recruitment of further specialist staff.

Mention was made in last year's report of plans for a Sensory Therapy Garden adjacent to the Centre. Trustees are delighted and appreciative that The Band Trust has generously provided funding for such a development.

The concept has been conceived by a local garden designer who has worked with the Merlin therapy team to replicate the challenging terrains that disabled individuals need to negotiate around Cornwall – either walking (with or without walking aids) or using wheelchairs or mobility scooters. Clients often find the prospect of getting around parts of the County very challenging. Truro, for example, with its cobbled streets and variable curbs, can be quite daunting particularly when coupled with crowds and traffic. The garden will give individuals a safe environment to build confidence in their mobility and further develop their wheelchair skills.

In addition, the outside therapy area will include appropriate equipment for running ASI Therapy services for our new younger user group as well as our adult clients. As demand for our services has increased, we are keen to utilise all our spaces to support individuals with their therapy, and the benefits of being outside are well recognised for improving mental health.

Plans and designs are currently being finalised with the intention of beginning ground works in September and completion by late Autumn.

Our charity is one of 10 charities in Cornwall who are part of a Disability Alliance which work together to improve services and facilities; enhancing the lives of people living with disabilities - we plan to promote the sensory garden space to other disability charities to use.

As Trustees reflect on the past 18 months and look forward there is a sense of excitement and anticipation of the increasing range of support available to current and future people who might need our services either for a short while or on a longer-term basis depending upon their individual condition. This new reality doesn't happen by chance. We are indebted to the dedication of our staff being very effectively led by a small management team of Sarah Snell (Centre Manager); Melissa King (Clinical Lead) and Sarah O'Brien (Finance Manager) not forgetting the many, many volunteers who give generously of their time to support our Charity.

Trustees also wish to record their appreciation and thanks to the many benefactors and donors who have supported the charity and trust that the positive outlook for the charity and its expanding services will continue to find favour in the future.

As Chair of Trustees, I welcome David Phyll as a Trustee. David has real in-depth experience and expertise in a wide range of skills that are already benefitting our charity. I also want to thank Andrew James for his support while a Trustee.

I would be remiss not to place on record my thanks for the wise counsel and support from my colleague Trustees and look forward to continuing our journey together.

Tom Sneddon

Chairman

Dated: 15 June 2022

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)."

Objectives and activities

The charitable aim of the charity is to provide subsidised therapies, support, information, and a community for adults living with a neurological condition (including Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, Stroke, and chronic fatigue syndrome) in Cornwall. This financial assistance enables beneficiaries, who might not otherwise be able to afford such therapies, to benefit from the Centre facilities. In 2022 the Charity extended its support to children and young people with neuro diversities by offering Sensory Integration therapies, assessments, and reports.

Therapies delivered by appropriately qualified and experienced professionals include physiotherapy, group exercise, hydrotherapy, oxygen therapy, and day respite. Having a long-term condition brings many challenges, not just for those diagnosed, but for family too. Therefore, the support extends to the wider family through peer support, information, advocacy services and therapies.

The charity also seeks to raise awareness of the challenges faced by those living with neurological conditions and generates income to keep the Centre operational and provide services at subsidised rates.

In addition, it acts as a health hub for the wider community by providing clinical and therapy space for hire. Currently there is a GP Practice, Podiatry and Orthotics, Audiology; Counselling and Advocacy Services; and Complementary therapies operating from the Centre.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission with respect to the public benefit requirement.

Achievements and performance

For details of achievements and performance please see the Chairman's Statement.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The level of unrestricted general reserves at the year end was £251,863 (2020: £20,805). It is the charity's policy where possible to ring fence bank balances of a least 6 months operating expenses to help ensure the charity's financial position is not unduly compromised. The above balance represents approximately 6 months running costs. In 2021 funds totalling £400,000 were distributed from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust, a discretionary trust established from the proceeds of the Will of Mr Thomas in which Merlin MS Centre was one of the named charity beneficiaries. The funds were used to ensure the financial stability of the Charity by supporting core costs during COVID restrictions; settling outstanding loans of £185k; and setting aside monies for an endowment fund to gradually build up reserves. From this funding the trustees have created two designated funds, £50,000 being earmarked as a Development fund to support the charity's strategic aims, and a further £50,000 into a Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund.

Investment Policy

The charity was gifted a number of shares with a transfer value of approximately £65,000. The Finance and Investment committee and Trustees review the performance of these shares on a regular basis. It is the Trustees' intention to manage these on a low risk basis and where possible gain dividend income to support normal operating expenses.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Plans for the future

For details of plans for the future please see the Chairman's Statement.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. Its governing constitutional documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association which are publicly available from the Registrar of Companies via its website.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of a winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Dr EJ Campbell

Mr C Clark QC

Mrs SJ Coode MBE DL

Mr M Gifford

Mr AE James

(Resigned 7 March 2022)

Mr MEF James

Mr SBB Lawrence

(Resigned 4 October 2021)

Mr DA Perks

(Resigned 4 October 2021)

Mr T Sneddon - Chairman

Mr M Ward

Mr D Phyll

(Appointed 8 December 2021)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As trustees retire by rotation the charity continues to seek additional trustees with the relevant knowledge and experience to assist in the achievement of the charity's objects.

Organisational structure

The Centre is run on a day-to-day basis by a Centre Manager appointed by the trustees. The Centre Manager reports to the trustees who continue to have responsibility for policy decisions.

The activities of the charity are also dependent on a large number of volunteers, coordinated by the manager, who are essential in the raising of funds and the operational success of the Centre. Information is disseminated to volunteers and other supporters through regular newsletters and open meetings.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the charity and its aims and responsibilities, are given guidance and support by existing trustees and are encouraged to learn about the responsibilities of trusteeship through the Charity Commission website.

Wider network

The charity has informal links with local branches of The Multiple Sclerosis Society and is a member of Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy Centres Ltd and HBOTT.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Related parties

The only related parties are the trustees and full disclosure has been made in the notes to the financial statements in respect to any related party transactions.

Remuneration policy for key management

The trustees consider the Centre Manager to comprise the key management personnel of the charity, to be in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

The pay of staff is reviewed annually by the trustees and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the trustees benchmark against pay levels in other similar organisations.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that there are adequate systems and controls in place to mitigate the exposure to any major risks.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr T Sneddon - Chairman

Trustee

Dated: 27 July 2022

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Merlin MS Centre Ltd (Limited by Guarantee) (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: *27.12.22*

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	561,206	6,599	567,805	401,233	44,500	445,733
Charitable activities	6	90,350	-	90,350	61,227	-	61,227
Other trading activities	4	90,490	-	90,490	72,803	-	72,803
Investments	5	4	-	4	17	-	17
Total income		742,050	6,599	748,649	535,280	44,500	579,780
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	58,115	-	58,115	84,076	-	84,076
Charitable activities	8	392,705	5,000	397,705	331,755	43,537	375,292
Total resources expended		450,820	5,000	455,820	415,831	43,537	459,368
Net gains on investments	13	5,798	-	5,798	3,607	-	3,607
Net incoming resources before transfers		297,028	1,599	298,627	123,056	963	124,019
Gross transfers between funds		32,362	(32,362)	-	44,065	(44,065)	-
Net movement in funds		329,390	(30,763)	298,627	167,121	(43,102)	124,019
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		914,721	1,971,267	2,885,988	747,600	2,014,369	2,761,969
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		1,244,111	1,940,504	3,184,615	914,721	1,971,267	2,885,988

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	14		1,391		1,391
Tangible assets	16		2,827,290		2,854,476
Investments	15		67,599		61,297
			<u>2,896,280</u>		<u>2,917,164</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	18	528		2,577	
Debtors	19	11,985		7,781	
Cash at bank and in hand		293,213		191,443	
		<u>305,726</u>		<u>201,801</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21		<u>(17,391)</u>		<u>(232,977)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)			288,335		(31,176)
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,184,615</u>		<u>2,885,988</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	24		1,940,504		1,971,267
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	25	992,248		893,916	
General unrestricted funds		251,863		20,805	
		<u>1,244,111</u>		<u>914,721</u>	
			<u>3,184,615</u>		<u>2,885,988</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2021. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 July 2022



Mr T Sneddon - Chairman
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04460611

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	29		355,166		244,563
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(72,896)		(68,326)	
Purchase of investments		(504)		(57,690)	
Investment income received		4		17	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash used in investing activities			(73,396)		(125,999)
Financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		(180,000)		(25,000)	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash used in financing activities			(180,000)		(25,000)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			101,770		93,564
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			191,443		97,879
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>293,213</u>		<u>191,443</u>

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Merlin MS Centre Ltd (Limited by Guarantee) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Bradbury House, Hewas Water, ST AUSTELL, Cornwall, PL26 7JF. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

2.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are where the donor has expressed a wish for the funds to be spent on a particular item, project, or service, but the money may still be reallocated towards core operational costs at the Trustees discretion.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Accounting policies

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2.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- The date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate, after settling any liabilities, to pay the legacy; or
- When a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Assets for distribution are recognised only when distributed. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised when receivable. Stocks of undistributed donated goods are not valued for balance sheet purposes.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headlines:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of fundraising and associated support costs;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the cost of running the centre to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

2.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fishing rights	10% on straight line
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2.7 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1/3rd of the cost of the property over 50 years
Plant and equipment	5% - 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Computers	33% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	20% reducing balance

After considering the residual value and economic life of the property, the trustees have decided that it is representative to continue depreciating one third of the cost of the property over 50 years. This is to reflect consumption of the specific design and construction costs relating to the needs of the charity. The remaining two thirds is not depreciated on the basis that it will hold its value. This assumption will be regularly reviewed by professional surveyors to ensure this is a reliable basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

2.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

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2 Accounting policies

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2.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.10 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

2.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.12 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2.13 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2.14 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2.15 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are loans provided at below market rates and are recognised in the accounts at the amount received with the carrying value adjusted to reflect repayments made in subsequent periods. The only concessionary loans in the accounts are from trustees (see notes 18 and 27) and are interest free.

2.16 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	57,386	-	57,386	130,643	-	130,643
Legacies receivable	410,748	-	410,748	133,464	-	133,464
Grants receivable	93,072	6,599	99,671	137,126	44,500	181,626
	<u>561,206</u>	<u>6,599</u>	<u>567,805</u>	<u>401,233</u>	<u>44,500</u>	<u>445,733</u>

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in the annual report. In accordance with accounting standards, the economic contribution of general volunteers is not measured in the financial statements.

Within legacies receivable is £400,000 (2020: £125,000) from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Trust.

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3 Donations and legacies

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants receivable for core activities						
Disability Cornwall	11,357	-	11,357	-	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	-	-	-
Cornwall Council Funding - Covid-19 support	10,050	-	10,050	17,097	-	17,097
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	-	-	-	14,500	14,500
Duchy Health Charity	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
Thomas J Horne Memorial Trust	8,500	-	8,500	8,500	-	8,500
The Waterloo Foundation	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Cornwall Councillors Community Chest	-	-	-	7,540	-	7,540
National Lottery	-	-	-	8,800	25,000	33,800
HMRC Job Retention Scheme Funding	17,055	-	17,055	47,264	-	47,264
Other	21,110	6,599	27,709	32,925	5,000	37,925
	<u>93,072</u>	<u>6,599</u>	<u>99,671</u>	<u>137,126</u>	<u>44,500</u>	<u>181,626</u>

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3 Donations and legacies

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The amounts included in other grants include the following:

Restricted:

£1,599 - Fowey Hospital

£5,000 - February Foundation

Unrestricted:

£4,500 - Grocers Charity

£2,000 - Vandervell Foundation

£2,000 - Souter Charitable Trust

£2,000 - The Hospital Saturday Fund

Equal to/less than £1,000 - Various charitable entities, totalling £7,110

Included within unrestricted funds are the following designated donations/grants:

£11,357 - Disability Cornwall (Covid support)

£2,000 - The Albert Van den Bergh (resume respite and community transport)

£1,500 - Winnifred Potter Charitable Trust (resume respite and community transport)

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	28,236	33,990
Retail and Café income	24,677	18,142
Room hire	37,577	20,671
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other trading activities	90,490	72,803
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	4	17

6 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Therapies	90,350	61,227

7 Raising funds

	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Income generation</u>		
Marketing and publicity	656	781
Other fundraising costs	13,447	6,908
Staff costs	36,180	69,996
Support costs	7,832	6,391
Income generation	58,115	84,076

The income generation team is responsible for generating funds from a variety of sources, which includes donations, grants, legacies, trading activities and some elements of charitable activities income. Most of the expenditure described under Raising Funds covers salaries. Other expenditure relates to stock for the café; plus merchandise for the retail area, running fundraising events and marketing of services.

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8 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	159,393	164,329
Depreciation and impairment	100,082	95,650
Light and heat	20,752	14,423
Repairs and renewals	17,272	20,028
Subscriptions	1,085	1,344
Subsidised therapy costs	22,816	8,076
Travel and subsistence	1,997	5,170
Cleaning	13,540	4,158
Rent and rates	6,916	4,957
Bank charges	1,310	1,219
Entertainment	1,600	-
	<u>346,763</u>	<u>319,354</u>
Share of support costs (see note 12)	39,652	14,456
Share of governance costs (see note 12)	11,290	41,482
	<u>397,705</u>	<u>375,292</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	392,705	331,755
Restricted funds	5,000	43,537
	<u>397,705</u>	<u>375,292</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2021 £	2020 £
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>100,082</u>	<u>95,650</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 or 2020.

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11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Charitable activities and administration	10	14
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	204,946	244,154
Social security costs	15,034	14,401
Other pension costs	3,403	4,796
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>223,383</u>	<u>263,351</u>

Included within wages and salaries is £Nil (2020: £10,500) of restructuring costs.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

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12 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	2020 £	Basis of allocation
Staff costs	22,810	5,000	27,810	29,026	Staff time
Insurance	5,332	-	5,332	5,289	Estimated usage
Telephone	11,378	-	11,378	9,213	Estimated usage
Postage and stationery	7,964	-	7,964	6,345	Estimated usage
Accountancy	-	2,220	2,220	2,920	Governance
Legal and professional	-	1,850	1,850	6,726	Governance
Independent Examiner's Fees	-	2,220	2,220	2,810	Governance
	<u>47,484</u>	<u>11,290</u>	<u>58,774</u>	<u>62,329</u>	
Analysed between					
Fundraising	7,832	-	7,832	6,391	
Charitable activities	39,652	11,290	50,942	55,938	
	<u>47,484</u>	<u>11,290</u>	<u>58,774</u>	<u>62,329</u>	

The charity initially identifies the costs of its support facilities. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. Refer to the table above for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>5,798</u>	<u>3,607</u>

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14 Intangible fixed assets

	Fishing rights £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	1,391
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	1,391
At 31 December 2020	1,391

The intangible asset relates to professional fees incurred in obtaining fishing rights that were donated to the charity.

15 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021	61,297
Additions	504
Valuation changes	5,798
At 31 December 2021	67,599
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	67,599
At 31 December 2020	61,297

The cost of the above investments as at 31 December 2021 was £58,194 (2020: £57,690).

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16	Tangible fixed assets	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers	Motor vehicles £	Total £
	Cost						
	At 1 January 2021	2,565,122	578,079	102,608	37,982	41,267	3,325,058
	Additions	-	71,064	1,832	-	-	72,896
	At 31 December 2021	2,565,122	649,143	104,440	37,982	41,267	3,397,954
	Depreciation and impairment						
	At 1 January 2021	151,059	154,890	92,649	37,982	34,002	470,582
	Depreciation charged in the year	27,295	63,269	2,255	-	7,263	100,082
	At 31 December 2021	178,354	218,159	94,904	37,982	41,265	570,664
	Carrying amount						
	At 31 December 2021	2,386,768	430,984	9,536	-	2	2,827,290
	At 31 December 2020	2,414,063	423,189	9,959	-	7,265	2,854,476

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17	Financial instruments	2021	2020
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	67,599	61,297
18	Stocks	2021	2020
		£	£
	Finished goods and goods for resale	528	2,577
19	Debtors	2021	2020
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Trade debtors	6,985	3,888
	Other debtors	5,000	3,000
	Prepayments and accrued income	-	893
		11,985	7,781
20	Loans and overdrafts	2021	2020
		£	£
	Other loans	-	180,000
	Payable within one year	-	180,000
21	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
		£	£
	Concessionary loans	-	180,000
	Other taxation and social security	8,902	21,101
	Trade creditors	3,954	4,864
	Other creditors	35	97
	Accruals	4,500	26,915
		17,391	232,977

The concessionary loans were interest free and no security had been provided for these loans. The loans were repaid during 2021.

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22 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The pension costs for the year represent the contributions payable by the charity to the independently administered pension fund and amounted to £3,692 (2020: £4,796). There were no unpaid contributions at the year end (2020: £Nil).

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £3,692 (2020: £4,796).

23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:						
Intangible fixed assets	1,391	-	1,391	1,391	-	1,391
Tangible assets	877,529	1,949,761	2,827,290	890,309	1,964,167	2,854,476
Investments	67,599	-	67,599	61,297	-	61,297
Current assets/ (liabilities)	281,235	7,100	288,335	(38,276)	7,100	(31,176)
	<u>1,227,754</u>	<u>1,956,861</u>	<u>3,184,615</u>	<u>914,721</u>	<u>1,971,267</u>	<u>2,885,988</u>

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24 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers 1 January 2021	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers 31 December 2021	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Centre building costs	1,601,675	-	-	(11,160)	1,590,515	-	-	(11,160)	1,579,355
Oxygen tank	6,000	-	-	(4,800)	1,200	-	-	(1,200)	-
Fowey Hospital	-	-	-	-	-	1,599	-	-	1,599
February Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Outreach	294	-	-	(294)	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment for treatments	8,424	-	-	(8,116)	308	-	-	(308)	-
Sunley Suite	26,768	-	-	(183)	26,585	-	-	(183)	26,402
Respite Care	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Journey Garden	2,100	-	-	-	2,100	-	-	-	2,100
Hydrotherapy Pool	286,680	-	-	(7,750)	278,930	-	-	(7,750)	271,180
Minibus	14,527	-	-	(7,263)	7,264	-	-	(7,263)	1
Sensory Room	2,901	-	-	(1,451)	1,450	-	-	(1,450)	-
Oxygen Generator	65,000	-	(4,037)	(3,048)	57,915	-	-	(3,048)	54,867
National Lottery Grant	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edward Gosling Foundation	-	14,500	(9,500)	-	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
	2,014,369	44,500	(43,537)	(44,065)	1,971,267	6,599	(5,000)	(32,362)	1,940,504

£1,938,404 of the above funds are capital funds which have been expended and are reducing in line with depreciation.

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24 Restricted funds (Continued)

Transfers between funds

During the year the trustees approved transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds of £32,362 (2020: £44,065).

The transfers are mainly in relation to a release of restricted funds in line with the current year depreciation charge for restricted assets.

Description nature and purpose of restricted funds

Centre building costs

Funds raised for the initial building costs in relation to the centre. A transfer is made from these funds each year to cover the depreciation charge on the Freehold Property and Buildings.

Oxygen tank

Funds to provide an additional oxygen tank.

Fowey Hospital

For the purchase of more comfortable chairs for use in the oxygen chambers.

February Foundation

Towards the cost of a Therabike and hoist.

Outreach

Various restricted grants provided for outreach salaries and equipment.

Equipment for treatments

Various restricted grants provided to the charity for the purchase of equipment to be used during the treatments provided to patients.

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24 Restricted funds (Continued)

Respite care

Funding provided for salaries and equipment.

Journey Garden

Grants to provide a specially designed garden for the purposes of occupational therapy.

Hydrotherapy Pool

Appeal to raise the balance of funding required to build the Hydrotherapy Pool building and fit out.

Minibus

Funding received for the purchase of a minibus.

Sensory Room

Funding towards the building and equipment for a sensory room.

Oxygen Generator

The Band Trust gave a donation of £65,000 in 2019 to fund the installation of an Oxygen Generator which was installed in January 2020. The Charity now generates its own oxygen and no longer relies on deliveries from an external supplier. This has reduced our running costs, but also our carbon footprint as we no longer rely on fortnightly deliveries.

National Lottery

Funding received to support the charity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Edward Gostling Foundation

Funding received to support the Keep in Touch service.

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24 Restricted funds

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Sunley Suite

A change in usage of the Sunley Suite from a conference room to provide a sensory room and three therapy rooms was funded in the main by grants.

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25 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2020		Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses		Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Movement in funds		Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£			£	£			Resources expended	Transfers		
General fixed asset fund	934,531	(51,585)		7,363	-	-	890,309	-	(67,720)	54,940	-	877,529
Fair value reserve	-	-		-	3,607	-	3,607	-	-	-	5,798	9,405
Specific project fund	-	-		-	-	14,857	-	14,857	(9,543)	-	-	5,314
Development fund	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
	934,531	(51,585)		7,363	3,607	14,857	893,916	14,857	(77,263)	154,940	5,798	992,248

General fixed asset fund - represents fixed assets that are financed through unrestricted funds. Depreciation is charged to this fund.

Fair value reserve - represents the non-distributable profits (fair value gains/losses) of the investments held by the charity.

Specific project fund - donations/grants received designated in relation to Covid support, resumption of respite and community transport work.

Development fund - supporting the charity's strategic aims.

Buildings and Environmental Sustainability fund - supporting the charity's building and environmental sustainability.

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26 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2021 £	2020 £
Aggregate compensation	64,334	33,641

The charity has a policy whereby the trustees are required to declare any pecuniary interests in connection with any personal involvement that they may have with individuals or organisations dealing with the charity.

Mr ME James, trustee, provided an interest free loan of £25,000 during the year ended 31 December 2019. At the start of the year, £25,000 was outstanding and included in creditors, and at the year end the balance included in creditors was £Nil.

27 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	6,511	7,501
Between two and five years	13,565	20,075
	<u>20,076</u>	<u>27,576</u>

28 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	191,443	101,770	293,213
Loans falling due within one year	(180,000)	180,000	-
	<u>11,443</u>	<u>281,770</u>	<u>293,213</u>

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29 Cash generated from operations	2021 £	2020 £
Surplus for the year	298,627	124,019
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(4)	(17)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(5,798)	(3,607)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	100,082	95,650
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	2,049	(1,848)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4,204)	14,893
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(35,586)	15,473
Cash generated from operations	<u>355,166</u>	<u>244,563</u>

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MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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Company number	04460611	
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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

As I write this Chairman's statement in August 2021 my first duty on behalf of Trustees is to thank our management team led by Sarah Snell, our staff and volunteers for the skills, innovations and adaptability they have shown during these quite unprecedented last 18 months. Despite the challenges the Charity has continued to develop new support services and adapt to working within a 'Covid' safe environment.

We are also indebted to our benefactors including generous support from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Fund who initially provided an emergency COVID-19 grant of £125,000 and a further £200,000 to enable the Charity to repay those people who had loaned the Charity funds to ensure its earlier survival. We sincerely thank them, who through their support and generous loans, enabled the Charity to continue.

Consequently, for the first time in several years the Charity is debt free and able to plan for the future in the knowledge that its finances are now in a more balanced and sustainable position with effective and prudent management of costs aligned to the development of a multi-skilled team of employees and volunteers.

In last year's Annual Report, we indicated our 'near term' strategy as Trustees. The table below demonstrates our progress:-

Improve the Charity's current financial position to one of stability and freedom from debt	
Enable the early re-opening of the Hydrotherapy pool with improved staffing	
Extend and supplement a separate legacy designated to install ground source heating for the hydrotherapy pool to the whole Hewas Water site	Hydrotherapy pool completed; business case for site under review
Refinance outreach and extend day respite services	
Establish an endowment in perpetuity that will provide base income to contribute to operational costs	Still in forward plans when funding available

In the financial year to December 2020 the Charity's income exceeded expenditure by £124,019 compared to an overspend of £136,432 in the year to December 2019. The 2020 surplus is even more significant at 20.7% of the reduced income due to COVID and lockdowns during the year. Donations and legacies accounted for 77% of income (38% in 2019).

The trend of sound financial management has continued through 2021 with receipts of £135,864 at the half year to June 2021 against revenue expenditure of £155,627 and capital expenditure of £69,389 balanced by gifted shares to the value of approximately £74,000.

In last year's Statement reference was made to the severe impacts of COVID-19 not only on the Charity but in affecting many of those whom we support. As an example of the Charity's innovative approach our 'Keep in Touch' project was launched with the following statistics clearly demonstrating its value connecting with, and supporting, those in our community.

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The Charity has continued wherever, and whenever, possible to provide safe services for those in need. Moving on from the COVID year 2020 during the first six months of 2021 the gradual re-opening of the Centre is evidenced by these statistics.

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Activity	2021 to June
People accessing Oxygen	1081
Physio and Exercise Total	710
1:1 therapy	518
Group gym sessions	192
Group attendance with (social distancing)	2 to 4
Total gym by calculation (assume average group)	542
Total Group Attendance	
Total of 'people' interventions or support	Over 2,800

Current and future developments

The Charity is delighted to have been selected by the St Austell Bay Rotary Club to benefit from a four-year commitment of support. Michael Ward, former President of the Club, has been appointed a Trustee. The Club are generously providing volunteers, raising funds and interested in supporting a major project, yet to be defined.

Trustees and management continue to be optimistic and ambitious in evolving plans for the next few years that will see the Charity extend its services to a wider range of people with neurological conditions who can benefit from the skills, therapies and support of our dedicated staff and volunteers.

As a first step in that direction, services will be extended to provide Sensory Integration Therapy to a client base comprised largely, but not exclusively, of children and young people, with neuro diversities.

This aligns with our strategy to:-

- Expand our reach throughout Cornwall
- Provide a service to younger people with neurological diversity
- Improve utilisation of the Centre when it is not currently open.
- Increase income levels – from client contributions; as a training venue; and from grant funders including potentially Rotary International global grants
- Maximise use of the hydrotherapy pool for this client group when it is re-opened.
- Achieve our strategic objective to be a Centre of excellence in Cornwall providing assessments, therapies, information and support across the ages for all those with neurological conditions.

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Other developments include:-

- Submission of plans to a potential funder for the creation of a Sensory Therapy Garden adjacent to the Centre. Such a feature will also support our aim of widening the appeal and reach of the Charity to those with neurological and other conditions
- Refurbishment and completion of the Primrose Hydrotherapy pool prior to its planned re-opening in September 2021
- Re-flooring of the Merlin Suite to be used for a wider range of day respite services
- Extending the range of therapies and GP services available from the Centre
- Re-commencing the minibus services to help clients attend the Centre for their needs
- Extending the café hours to provide a welcoming, safe space for our clients
- Potential partnership with a club dedicated to teaching swimming to babies, toddlers and children
- Carrying out a research project to identify where there may be opportunities to expand Merlin services to meet new need whether geographically or in supporting a wider range of conditions
- The Charity will continue to engage where possible in supporting research projects and is currently supporting a study into the benefits of oxygen therapy for those affected by 'long COVID' and the impact of concussion on sports players.

Two long serving Trustees have decided to step down at our AGM. Both have given great service to the Charity through their skills, wisdom and humour. David Perks, our Financial Trustee, has guided the Charity through some difficult waters in the past few years and his sage advice has been of great benefit. Stephen Lawrence has been a Trustee since the start of the Merlin journey and has committed many hours and miles to frequent speaking engagements advocating and educating on the Charity's behalf. We thank them both for all of their commitment and are pleased that Stephen is happy to continue his speaking engagements as required.

I began this Chairman's statement with thanks to our management team and I am going to end with a comment that I believe is true and self-evident in the 'new' Merlin. Trustees and the whole management team are working more harmoniously both individually and through joint Trustee/staff groups focusing on fundraising and income generation; operations and finance and investment. And beyond every successful management team are a group of committed staff and a vital group of dedicated volunteers who give generously of their time to support the Charity in many ways including oxygen therapy, café, reception, fundraising and the list goes on.

Thank you to everyone who has helped Merlin MS Centre Charity in these last 18 months – funders, benefactors, staff, and volunteers. **You** have helped make a real difference to many people's lives.



T Sneddon

Chairman

Dated: 22/9/2021

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)."

Objectives and activities

The charity's primary tasks are the management of the Centre, delivering a wide range of therapy services, and raising funds not only to keep the facility operational but also to provide financial assistance to those with Multiple Sclerosis who might otherwise be unable to benefit from the therapies.

The objective of the Centre is to offer a range of treatments, orthodox and complementary, known to benefit people suffering from Multiple Sclerosis and practised by properly qualified therapists. These therapies include oxygen treatment, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, exercise therapy, reflexology, massage, counselling, and daily respite. A secondary objective is to provide these therapies to individuals with other conditions who can benefit from them. Such conditions would include sports injuries, ME, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological complaints.

An additional objective is to raise the awareness in Cornwall of the needs of those living with Multiple Sclerosis, the profile of the disease and the requirements of the carers of those afflicted with it.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission with respect to the public benefit requirement.

Achievements and performance

For details of achievements and performance please see the Chairman's Statement.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The level of unrestricted general reserves at the year end was a surplus of £20,805 (2019: £186,931 deficit). It is the charity's policy where possible to ring fence bank balances of a least 6 months operating expenses to help ensure the charity's financial position is not unduly compromised. Since the end of the financial year the charity has received £200,000 from the Elwyn Thomas Memorial Fund and all debts have been repaid. It is the Trustees' intention to operate a cash generative budget that will provide a surplus to gradually build up reserves.

Investment Policy

The charity was gifted a number of shares with a transfer value of approximately £65,000. The Finance and Investment committee and Trustees review the performance of these shares on a regular basis. It is the Trustees' intention to manage these on a low risk basis and where possible gain dividend income to support normal operating expenses.

Plans for the future

For details of plans for the future please see the Chairman's Statement.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. Its governing constitutional documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association which are publicly available from the Registrar of Companies via its website.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of a winding up.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Dr EJ Campbell

Mr C Clark QC

Mrs SJ Coode MBE DL

Mr M Gifford

Mr AE James

Mr MEF James

Mr SBB Lawrence

Mr DA Perks

Mr T Sneddon - Chairman

Mr M Ward

(Appointed 26 October 2020)

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As trustees retire by rotation the charity continues to seek additional trustees with the relevant knowledge and experience to assist in the achievement of the charity's objects.

Organisational structure

The Centre is run on a day-to-day basis by a Centre Manager appointed by the trustees. The Centre Manager reports to the trustees who continue to have responsibility for policy decisions.

The activities of the charity are also dependent on a large number of volunteers, coordinated by the manager, who are essential in the raising of funds and the operational success of the Centre. Information is disseminated to volunteers and other supporters through regular newsletters and open meetings.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the charity and its aims and responsibilities, are given guidance and support by existing trustees and are encouraged to learn about the responsibilities of trusteeship through the Charity Commission website.

Wider network

The charity has informal links with local branches of The Multiple Sclerosis Society and is a member of Multiple Sclerosis National Therapy Centres Ltd and HBOTT.

Related parties

The only related parties are the trustees and full disclosure has been made in the notes to the financial statements in respect to any related party transactions.

Remuneration policy for key management

The trustees consider the Centre Manager to comprise the key management personnel of the charity, to be in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the trustees benchmark against pay levels in other similar organisations.

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Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the risks, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that there are adequate systems and controls in place to mitigate the exposure to any major risks.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mr T Sneddon - Chairman

Trustee

Dated: 22/9/2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Merlin MS Centre Ltd (Limited by Guarantee) (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

RRL LLP

Mark Williams FCA DChA

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Dated: 24.9.2021

MERLIN MS CENTRE LTD (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	401,233	44,500	445,733	128,030	92,642	220,672
Charitable activities	5	65,958	-	65,958	183,828	-	183,828
Other trading activities	4	68,072	-	68,072	180,965	-	180,965
Investments	6	17	-	17	59	-	59
Other income	7	-	-	-	2,905	-	2,905
Total income		535,280	44,500	579,780	495,787	92,642	588,429
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	84,076	-	84,076	175,593	-	175,593
Charitable activities	9	331,755	43,537	375,292	527,626	21,642	549,268
Total resources expended		415,831	43,537	459,368	703,219	21,642	724,861
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	3,607	-	3,607	-	-	-
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers		123,056	963	124,019	(207,432)	71,000	(136,432)
Gross transfers between funds		44,065	(44,065)	-	31,525	(31,525)	-
Net movement in funds		167,121	(43,102)	124,019	(175,907)	39,475	(136,432)
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		747,600	2,014,369	2,761,969	923,507	1,974,894	2,898,401
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		914,721	1,971,267	2,885,988	747,600	2,014,369	2,761,969

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	15		1,391		1,391
Tangible assets	17		2,854,476		2,881,800
Investments	16		61,297		-
			<u>2,917,164</u>		<u>2,883,191</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	19	2,577		729	
Debtors	20	7,781		22,674	
Cash at bank and in hand		191,443		97,879	
		<u>201,801</u>		<u>121,282</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	<u>(232,977)</u>		<u>(242,504)</u>	
Net current liabilities			<u>(31,176)</u>		<u>(121,222)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,885,988</u>		<u>2,761,969</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	25		1,971,267		2,014,369
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	26	893,916		934,531	
General unrestricted funds		20,805		(186,931)	
		<u>914,721</u>		<u>747,600</u>	
			<u>2,885,988</u>		<u>2,761,969</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2020. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ...22/9/2021



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Mr T Sneddon - Chairman
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04460611

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	32		244,563		(205,991)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(68,326)		(48,669)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		2,995	
Purchase of investments		(57,690)		-	
Interest received		17		59	
Net cash used in investing activities			(125,999)		(45,615)
Financing activities					
Receipt/(Repayment) of borrowings		(25,000)		200,000	
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities			(25,000)		200,000
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			93,564		(51,606)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			97,879		149,485
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>191,443</u>		<u>97,879</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Merlin MS Centre Ltd (Limited by Guarantee) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Bradbury House, Hewas Water, ST AUSTELL, Cornwall, PL26 7JF. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- The date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- The executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate, after settling any liabilities, to pay the legacy; or
- When a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Assets for distribution are recognised only when distributed. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised when receivable. Stocks of undistributed donated goods are not valued for balance sheet purposes.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headlines:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of fundraising and associated support costs;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the cost of running the centre to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fishing rights	10% on straight line
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1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1/3rd of the cost of the property over 50 years
Plant and equipment	5% - 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

After considering the residual value and economic life of the property, the trustees have decided that it is representative to continue depreciating one third of the cost of the property over 50 years. This is to reflect consumption of the specific design and construction costs relating to the needs of the charity. The remaining two thirds is not depreciated on the basis that it will hold its value. This assumption will be regularly reviewed by professional surveyors to ensure this is a reliable basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.9 Borrowing costs related to fixed assets

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which they are incurred.

1.10 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.12 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.13 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.14 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.15 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.16 Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are loans provided at below market rates and are recognised in the accounts at the amount received with the carrying value adjusted to reflect repayments made in subsequent periods. The only concessionary loans in the accounts are from trustees (see notes 18 and 27) and are interest free.

1.17 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	130,643	-	130,643	73,045	-	73,045
Legacies receivable	133,464	-	133,464	25,383	-	25,383
Grants receivable	137,126	44,500	181,626	29,602	92,642	122,244
	<u>401,233</u>	<u>44,500</u>	<u>445,733</u>	<u>128,030</u>	<u>92,642</u>	<u>220,672</u>

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in the annual report. In accordance with accounting standards, the economic contribution of general volunteers is not measured in the financial statements.

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3 Donations and legacies

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants receivable for core activities						
Band Trust	-	-	-	-	65,000	65,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Cornwall Council Funding - Covid-19 support	17,097	-	17,097	-	-	-
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	14,500	14,500	-	-	-
Duchy Health Charity	5,000	-	5,000	-	1,422	1,422
Thomas J Horne Memorial Trust	8,500	-	8,500	7,500	-	7,500
The Waterloo Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-
Cornwall Councillors Community Chest	7,540	-	7,540	-	-	-
National Lottery	8,800	25,000	33,800	-	-	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme Funding	47,264	-	47,264	-	-	-
Other	32,925	5,000	37,925	22,102	16,220	38,322
	<u>137,126</u>	<u>44,500</u>	<u>181,626</u>	<u>29,602</u>	<u>92,642</u>	<u>122,244</u>

The amounts included in other grants include the following:

£5,000 - Sobell Foundation

£5,000 - Sport England

£3,000 - DWF Charitable Foundation

£5,000 - February Foundation

£2,000 - Vandervell Foundation

£2,000 - Royal Warrant Holders Association

£1,500 - Western Power Distribution

£2,000 - The Tanner Trust

Equal to/less than £1,000 - Various charitable entities, totalling £12,425.

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4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising events	33,990	94,863
Retail and Café income	18,142	56,508
Corporate room hire	15,940	28,997
Other income	-	597
	<u>68,072</u>	<u>180,965</u>

5 Charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Therapies	61,227	170,741
Therapy room hire	4,731	13,087
	<u>65,958</u>	<u>183,828</u>

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest receivable	17	59
	<u>17</u>	<u>59</u>

7 Other income

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	2,905
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,905</u>

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8 Raising funds

	2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Income generation</u>		
Marketing and publicity	781	2,642
Other fundraising costs	6,908	35,797
Staff costs	69,996	127,584
Support costs	6,391	9,570
	<u>84,076</u>	<u>175,593</u>

The income generation team is responsible for generating funds from a variety of sources, which includes donations, grants, legacies, trading activities and some elements of charitable activities income. Most of the expenditure described under Raising Funds covers salaries. Other expenditure relates to stock for the café; plus merchandise for the retail area, running fundraising events and marketing of services.

9 Charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	164,329	301,080
Depreciation and impairment	95,650	40,413
Light and heat	14,423	17,774
Repairs and renewals	20,028	22,803
Subscriptions	1,344	2,975
Cost of provision of subsidised therapy	8,076	74,167
Travel and subsistence	5,170	17,745
Cleaning	4,158	5,814
Rent and rates	4,957	5,069
Bank charges	1,219	2,148
	<u>319,354</u>	<u>489,988</u>
Share of support costs (see note 12)	14,456	19,670
Share of governance costs (see note 12)	41,482	39,610
	<u>375,292</u>	<u>549,268</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	331,755	527,626
Restricted funds	43,537	21,642
	<u>375,292</u>	<u>549,268</u>

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10	Net movement in funds	2020	2019
		£	£
	Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
	Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	-	3,420
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	95,650	40,413
	Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(2,905)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 or 2019.

12 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	2019	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Staff costs	-	29,026	29,026	31,771	Staff time
Insurance	5,289	-	5,289	7,233	Estimated usage
Telephone	9,213	-	9,213	12,418	Estimated usage
Postage and stationery	6,345	-	6,345	9,589	Estimated usage
Audit fees	-	-	-	3,420	Governance
Accountancy	-	2,920	2,920	1,440	Governance
Legal and professional	-	6,726	6,726	2,979	Governance
Independent Examiner's Fees	-	2,810	2,810	-	Governance
	<u>20,847</u>	<u>41,482</u>	<u>62,329</u>	<u>68,850</u>	
Analysed between					
Fundraising	6,391	-	6,391	9,570	
Charitable activities	14,456	41,482	55,938	59,280	
	<u>20,847</u>	<u>41,482</u>	<u>62,329</u>	<u>68,850</u>	

The charity initially identifies the costs of its support facilities. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between expenditure on raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. Refer to the table above for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

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13 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Charitable activities and administration	14	27

Employment costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	244,154	422,226
Social security costs	14,401	25,331
Other pension costs	4,796	12,878
	<u>263,351</u>	<u>460,435</u>

Included within wages and salaries is £10,500 (2019: £Nil) of restructuring costs.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2020 £	2019 £
Revaluation of investments	3,607	-

15 Intangible fixed assets

	Fishing rights £
Cost	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	1,391
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	-
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	1,391
At 31 December 2019	1,391

The intangible asset relates to professional fees incurred in obtaining fishing rights that were donated to the charity.

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16 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	-
Additions	57,690
Valuation changes	3,607
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At 31 December 2020	61,297
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	61,297
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At 31 December 2019	-
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The cost of the above investments as at 31 December 2020 was £57,690.

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17 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2020	2,558,760	517,115	101,608	37,982	41,267	3,256,732
Additions	6,362	60,964	1,000	-	-	68,326
At 31 December 2020	2,565,122	578,079	102,608	37,982	41,267	3,325,058
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 January 2020	123,764	105,834	80,835	37,958	26,541	374,932
Depreciation charged in the year	27,295	49,056	11,814	24	7,461	95,650
At 31 December 2020	151,059	154,890	92,649	37,982	34,002	470,582
Carrying amount						
At 31 December 2020	2,414,063	423,189	9,959	-	7,265	2,854,476
At 31 December 2019	2,434,996	411,281	20,773	24	14,726	2,881,800

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18	Financial instruments	2020	2019
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	61,297	-
19	Stocks	2020	2019
		£	£
	Finished goods and goods for resale	2,577	729
20	Debtors	2020	2019
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Trade debtors	3,888	3,774
	Other debtors	3,000	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	893	18,900
		7,781	22,674
21	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
		£	£
	Concessionary loans	180,000	205,000
	Other taxation and social security	21,101	5,507
	Trade creditors	4,864	4,999
	Other creditors	97	83
	Accruals	26,915	26,915
		232,977	242,504
22	Loans and overdrafts	2020	2019
		£	£
	Other loans	180,000	205,000
	Payable within one year	180,000	205,000

The concessionary loans are interest free and no security has been provided for these loans.

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23 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The pension costs for the year represent the contributions payable by the charity to the independently administered pension fund and amounted to £4,796 (2019: £12,878). There were no unpaid contributions at the year end (2019: £Nil).

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £4,796 (2019: £12,878).

24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:						
Intangible fixed assets	1,391	-	1,391	1,391	-	1,391
Tangible assets	890,309	1,964,167	2,854,476	934,531	1,947,269	2,881,800
Investments	61,297	-	61,297	-	-	-
Current assets/ (liabilities)	(38,276)	7,100	(31,176)	(188,322)	67,100	(121,222)
	<u>914,721</u>	<u>1,971,267</u>	<u>2,885,988</u>	<u>747,600</u>	<u>2,014,369</u>	<u>2,761,969</u>

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25 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2019		Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2020		
	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	£	£
Centre building costs	1,612,835	-	-	-	(11,160)	1,601,675	-	-	(11,160)	1,590,515	-
Oxygen tank	7,800	-	-	-	(1,800)	6,000	-	-	(4,800)	1,200	-
Outreach	1,761	1,422	1,422	(1,422)	(1,467)	294	-	-	(294)	-	-
Equipment for treatments	16,542	220	220	(220)	(8,118)	8,424	-	-	(8,116)	308	-
Sunley Suite	26,995	-	-	-	(227)	26,768	-	-	(183)	26,585	-
Respite Care	39	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	(39)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
Journey Garden	2,100	-	-	-	-	2,100	-	-	-	2,100	-
Hydrotherapy Pool	270,680	16,000	16,000	-	-	286,680	-	-	(7,750)	278,930	-
Minibus	31,790	-	-	(10,000)	(7,263)	14,527	-	-	(7,263)	7,264	-
Sensory Room	4,352	-	-	-	(1,451)	2,901	-	-	(1,451)	1,450	-
Physiotherapy	-	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxygen Generator	-	-	-	-	-	65,000	-	(4,037)	(3,048)	57,915	-
National Lottery Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-	-
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,500	(9,500)	-	5,000	-
	1,974,894	92,642	92,642	(21,642)	(31,525)	2,014,369	44,500	(43,537)	(44,065)	1,971,267	-

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25 Restricted funds (Continued)

Transfers between funds

During the year the trustees approved transfers between restricted and unrestricted funds of £44,065 (2019; £31,525).

The transfers are mainly in relation to a release of restricted funds in line with the current year depreciation charge for restricted assets.

Description nature and purpose of restricted funds

Centre building costs

Funds raised for the initial building costs in relation to the centre. A transfer is made from these funds each year to cover the depreciation charge on the Freehold Property and Buildings.

Oxygen tank

Funds to provide an additional oxygen tank.

Outreach

Various restricted grants provided for outreach salaries and equipment.

Equipment for treatments

Various restricted grants provided to the charity for the purchase of equipment to be used during the treatments provided to patients.

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25 Restricted funds (Continued)

Sunley Suite

A change in usage of the Sunley Suite from a conference room to provide a sensory room and three therapy rooms was funded in the main by grants received from the Adrian Swire Charitable Trust, the Big Lottery Fund, Broadmead Trust, Pat Newman Memorial Trust, the Rank Foundation, the Tanner Trust and Thomas J Home Memorial Trust.

Respite care

Funding provided for salaries and equipment.

Counselling

Funding to provide chairs for use in counselling sessions.

Journey Garden

Grants from the Annet Charitable Trust and the Gardening for Disabled Trust to provide a specially designed garden for the purposes of occupational therapy.

Hydrotherapy Pool (Splash Out Appeal)

Appeal to raise the balance of funding required to build the Hydrotherapy Pool building and fit out.

Minibus

Funding received for the purchase of a minibus.

Sensory Room

Funding towards the building and equipment for a sensory room.

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25 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Physiotherapy

Funding to support provision of physiotherapy sessions.

Carers Grant

Grants from Health and Wellbeing CRCC to provide vouchers for those caring for a person living with MS for therapies.

Oxygen Generator

The Band Trust gave a donation of £65,000 in 2019 to fund the installation of an Oxygen Generator which was installed in January 2020. The Charity now generates its own oxygen and no longer relies on deliveries from an external supplier. This has reduced our running costs, but also our carbon footprint as we no longer rely on fortnightly deliveries.

National Lottery

Funding received to support the charity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Edward Gosling Foundation

Funding received to support the Keep in Touch service.

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26 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2019	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2020	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General fixed asset fund	910,840	(8,888)	32,579	934,531	(51,585)	7,363	-	890,309
Fair value reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,607	3,607
	<u>910,840</u>	<u>(8,888)</u>	<u>32,579</u>	<u>934,531</u>	<u>(51,585)</u>	<u>7,363</u>	<u>3,607</u>	<u>893,916</u>

General fixed asset fund: this represents fixed assets that are financed through unrestricted funds. Depreciation is charged to this fund.

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27 Capital commitments	2020	2019
	£	£

At 31 December 2020 the charity had capital commitments as follows:

Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	-	37,958
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

28 Contingent asset

During the previous year the charity was notified of legacy income and an interim distribution of £125,000 was received during the year. At the date of approval of the financial statements it is not possible to determine a reliable estimate of the remaining income and therefore, no debtor has been included within the financial statements.

29 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Within one year	7,501	7,699
Between two and five years	20,075	27,576
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	27,576	35,275
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

30 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	33,641	41,164
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The charity has a policy whereby the trustees are required to declare any pecuniary interests in connection with any personal involvement that they may have with individuals or organisations dealing with the charity.

Mr ME James, trustee, provided an interest free loan of £25,000 during the previous year. At the year end £25,000 was outstanding and included in creditors.

The brother of Mr ME James, trustee, provided an interest free loan of £25,000 during the previous year. At the year end £Nil was outstanding and included in creditors.

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31 Analysis of changes in net funds/(debt)

	At 1 January 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	97,879	93,564	191,443
Loans falling due within one year	(205,000)	25,000	(180,000)
	<u>(107,121)</u>	<u>118,564</u>	<u>11,443</u>

32 Cash generated from operations

	2020 £	2019 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	124,019	(136,432)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in profit or loss	(17)	(59)
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(2,905)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(3,607)	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	95,650	40,413
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(1,848)	2,945
Decrease in debtors	14,893	16,143
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	15,473	(126,096)
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>244,563</u>	<u>(205,991)</u>